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# I&M electricity rate hike approved

## MPSC reduces requested rate by 37 percent

**By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN**
HP Staff Writer

Most Indiana Michigan Power customers in Michigan will see an increase on their bills, starting Feb. 1.

The Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) on Thursday approved a settlement agreement with a rate increase of $36.4 million a year for infrastructure enhancements around Southwest Michigan.

The increase was less than the $58.5 million, representing a nearly 19 percent hike, originally requested. The amount was reduced by the MPSC by about 37 percent, according to I&M.

"The agreement was the result of discussions between all the parties in the pending rate review to establish rates that balance the need for I&M to provide safe, reliable power while reducing the amount of the initial proposal," Toby Thomas, I&M president and chief operating officer, said in a news release. "We are strengthening our infrastructure, modernizing the Southwest Michigan electric grid and supporting our continued efforts to transition to more diverse generation options as we focus on working with our customers and keeping the lights on 24/7 for the homes and businesses we serve."

Residential customers who use 1,000 kilowatt hours (kWh) of electricity per month will see their monthly bills rise about $24 to $156.93, an increase of 80 cents per day, according to a release from I&M.

In the months of February through May, part of the increase will be credited back to customers and designated on bills as "phase-in credit."

In addition, I&M will not file for a rate review with the MPSC before 2022, and will not change base rates until 2023 at the earliest. Rates will fluctuate before then due to factors such as fuel prices, transmission and other tracked variables.

The MPSC's decision was influenced by The Environmental Law & Policy Center, Vote Solar, the Ecology Center, the Sierra Club and the Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA) intervention.

According to those groups, I&M's original plan would have greatly reduced the credit paid to customers who sell electricity from solar panels or wind turbines back to the grid, which would have "essentially killed" the solar market in Southwest Michigan.

Over three months of negotiations, the environmental groups reported in a news release that they also successfully countered several of the utilities' rate design proposals that would have hiked fixed charges on customers' bills, hurting customers' ability to implement and benefit from energy efficiency and renewable energy.

I&M announced the proposed rate increase as part of the "Michigan Plan" last June. The plan calls for infrastructure improvements at Cook Nuclear Plant, proactively trimming trees to address the No. 1 cause of service interruptions, prioritizing infrastructure upgrades such as new poles

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# Pent-up demand

Alexandra Newman / HP staff

**People wait in line outside of the ReLeaf Center in Niles on Thursday morning to buy recreational marijuana. The dispensary, along Terminal Road, is the first in Southwest Michigan to open for recreational marijuana sales.**

## Niles shop becomes first in SW Michigan to sell recreational marijuana

**By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN**
HP Staff Writer

NILES — Southwest Michigan saw its first legal recreational marijuana sales Thursday morning, and judging from the line and the enthusiasm of buyers, demand for the once-illegal product is strong.

The line outside the door at The ReLeaf Center for Compassionate Care in Niles, at 1840 Terminal Road, was about 25 people deep 30 minutes prior to opening, and had grown to nearly 75 people just a half hour after opening.

One Niles resident described it like standing in line for a rock concert.

"It's worth the wait," Dennis Hanthorn of Niles exclaimed to the line after buying some edibles and flower.

Hanthorn was third in line when he got to the dispensary a little over an hour before it opened.

He said he's been looking forward to it.

"It's about time they legalized it recreationally," he said. "I've been working toward getting a medical marijuana card from my doctor. He told me to stop smoking cigarettes, but didn't tell me to stop smoking weed."

Nigel of Niles, who asked that his last name not be used, was also one of the first people in line Thursday.

He said it's nice not having to worry about the legality of it and nice not having to drive to the other side of the state.

**"You can have a bad day, then be like, I'm going to smoke this joint, and it doesn't even matter, you get a fresh new start."**

**ANDREW FRISINGER**
Colorado resident

"I think a lot of places will start changing their minds when they start to see the revenues coming in. It's going to help the communities," he said.

A group of co-workers who travel for work, and were working nearby this week, came straight to the dispensary after their third shift ended.

One of those co-workers, Andrew Frisinger of Colorado, said he uses marijuana because he has anxiety and it helps him eat and sleep.

"You can have a bad day, then be like, I'm going to smoke this joint, and it doesn't even matter, you get a fresh new start," he said.

It's a little different for his co-worker Daniel Prothero of Ohio.

"I'm a performer so this is literally my inspiration," he said. "I honestly don't make any type of music before

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**BERRIEN COUNTY**

# Sheriff seeks tax increase

## Funds would hire five deputies

**By JOHN MATUSZAK**
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Berrien County Sheriff Paul Bailey is asking the county board of commissioners to consider placing a tax increase request on the August ballot to pay for five additional officers he says are necessary to fight crime.

**BAILEY**

Bailey, along with Undersheriff Chuck Heit, on Thursday presented to the administration committee a proposal for an increase in the public safety millage from 0.35 to 0.45 mills, generating an additional $804,000 a year. It would be the first increase since the millage was enacted in 1984, Bailey said. The current millage expires at the end of the year.

Heit said that the tax would cost the average Berrien County homeowner an additional $8.80 a year (on a home with a taxable value of $88,000).

The sheriff first discussed the possibility last month. He was advised to return with figures on how much would be brought in and how the money would be spent.

Bailey is proposing hiring two deputies for north county patrols, and two for south county, at a cost of $99,823 each for salaries and benefits. He also wants to hire a deputy investigator to work with the FBI's Violent Crime Task Force, at a cost of $109,000.

Having additional deputies for road patrols would reduce the cost for overtime coming out of the general fund budget, Heit pointed out.

Around $140,000 would be allocated to the department's special team's salary, training and overtime, bringing additional relief to the budget, he added. The millage increase would provide about $152,000 to the department's annual fund balance, which Heit said is being depleted.

The public safety millage not only benefits the sheriff's department, but assists the court's drug treatment programs and the prosecutor's office, Bailey said.

The request comes at a time when budgets are tight and expenses are increasing. Prosecutor Michael Sepic is seeking additional funding for positions he said are needed to handle the added workload resulting from motions filed by the public defender's office. Commissioners will be considering a millage increase for parks that Director Brian Bailey maintains are needed to replace and repair properties.

The county also is in the

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# Group launches ballot drive to rein in lobbying

**By DAVID EGGERT**
Associated Press

LANSING — A group launched a ballot drive Thursday to target lobbying in Michigan's Capitol by banning free food and drink for state elected officials, requiring former lawmakers to wait two years to become lobbyists and overhauling a system that tracks lobbying.

The Coalition to Close Lansing Loopholes filed language for the proposed constitutional amendment with the state elections board. The effort is being spearheaded by Progress Michigan, a liberal advocacy organization.

The ballot committee, which plans to start circulating petitions after the wording is approved and likely needs millions of dollars to do so, would have until early July to submit 425,000 valid voter signatures.

"The reality is that lobbyists are running things in Lansing and they have been for too long. For years, there's been talk about the need for more transparency and accountability in Lansing, but nothing has been done," said Lonnie Scott, executive director of Lansing-based Progress Michigan. "Michiganders want and deserve an open and accountable government, and yet we still rank dead last in transparency and accountability."

The measure would prohibit lobbyists and their clients from giving anything of value to public officials or their immediate family, with exceptions for legal campaign contributions and plaques valued at no more than $250 given to honor their public service. Public officials would be defined as statewide elected officials, department directors, political appointees in the executive branch and lawmakers' top aides.

Currently, lobbyists must report travel and lodging paid for or reimbursed to a public official in excess of

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David Eggert / AP

**Lonnie Scott, right, executive director of Progress Michigan, announces a statewide ballot drive to rein in lobbying on Thursday outside the Michigan Bureau of Elections in Lansing. Joining Scott is Ken Schwartz, vice president of Michiganders for Fair and Transparent Elections.**

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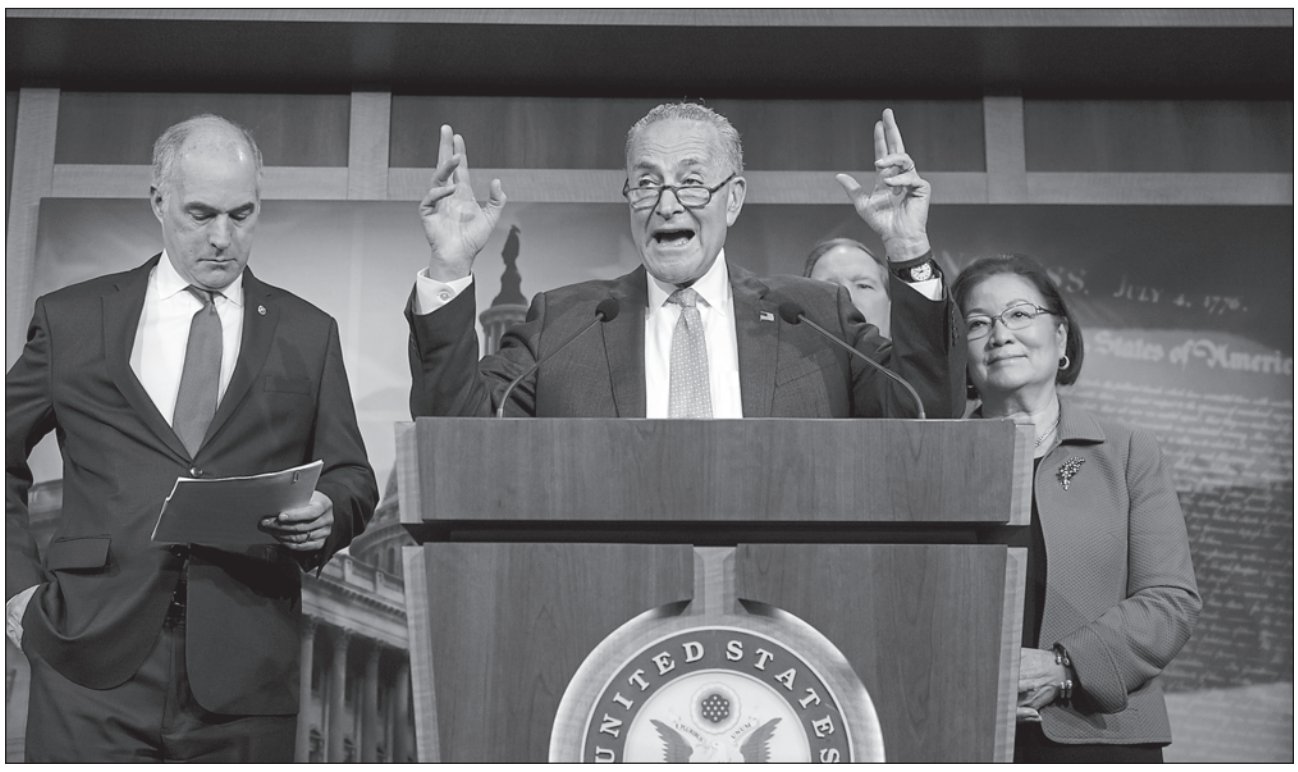
# ‘Bogus’ Ukraine theory led to Trump’s abuse, Dems tell trial



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Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., joined from left by Sen. Bob Casey, D-Pa., Sen. Tom Udall, D-N.M., and Sen. Mazie Hirono, D-Hawaii, speaks to reporters about progress in the impeachment trial of President Donald Trump on charges of abuse of power and obstruction of Congress, at the Capitol in Washington on Thursday.

**By LISA MASCARO, ERIC TUCKER and ZEKE MILLER**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democratic House prosecutors argued in President Donald Trump’s impeachment trial Thursday that he was swept up by a “completely bogus” Ukraine theory pushed by attorney Rudy Giuliani that led to his abuse of presidential power and then impeachment.

As the Democrats pressed their case for a second day before skeptical Republican Senate jurors, they displayed video images of the nation’s top FBI and Homeland S ecurity officials warning the public off the theory that it was Ukraine, not Russia, that interfered in the 2016 election.

It was just one of 10 separate ways, the prosecutors argued, that Trump abused power for his own personal political benefit ahead of the 2020 election – the first article of impeachment against him.

“That’s what Donald Trump wanted investigated or announced – this completely bogus Kremlin-pushed conspiracy theory,” said Rep. Adam Schiff, the chairman of the House Intelligence Committee who is leading the prosecution.

Trump is accused of seeking the investigation – and probes of political foe Joe Biden and Biden’s son – while holding back congressionally approved military aid as leverage. Schiff said, “You can imagine what a danger that presents to this country.”

Trump is facing trial in the Senate after the House impeached him last month, accusing him of abusing his office by asking Ukraine for the investigations while withholding the aid from a U.S. ally at war with bordering Russia. The second article of impeachment accuses him of obstructing Congress by refusing to turn over documents or allow officials to testify in the House probe.

Republicans, growing tired of the long hours of proceedings, have defended Trump’s actions as appropriate and cast the process as a politically motivated effort to weaken him in the midst of his reelection campaign. Republicans hold a 53-47 majority in the Senate, and acquittal is considered likely.

The Democrats’ challenge is clear as they try to convince not just fidgety senators but an American public divided over the Republican president in an election year.

With Chief Justice John Roberts presiding, Democrats argued on Thursday that Trump’s motives were apparent.

“No president has ever used his office to compel a foreign nation to help him cheat in our elections,” Rep. Jerrold Nadler of New York, the chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, told the senators. He said the nation’s founders would be shocked. “The president’s conduct is wrong. It is illegal. It is dangerous.”

They scoffed at Trump’s claim he had good reasons for pressuring Ukraine to investigate his political foes.

It was Trump who engaged in a shocking abuse of power, not former Vice President Biden or other Trump foes, said Rep. Sylvia Garcia of Texas. There is “no evidence, nothing, nada” to suggest that Biden did anything improper in dealings with Ukraine, said the former judge.

Trump, with Giuliani, pursued investigations of Biden and his son, Hunter, who served on a Ukrainian gas company’s board, and sought the probe of debunked theories of what nation was guilty of interference in the 2016 U.S. election.

On dual tracks, Democrats prosecuted their case while answering in advance the arguments expected from the president’s attorneys in the days ahead.

At one point, they showed video of a younger Lindsey Graham, then a South Carolina congressman and now a GOP senator allied with Trump, arguing during Bill Clinton’s 1999 impeachment that no crime was needed for impeaching a president. Trump’s defense team is now arguing that the impeachment articles against the president are invalid because they do not allege he committed a specific crime.

The president’s defenders waited their turn, which may come on Saturday.

“We will be putting on a vigorous defense of both facts, rebutting what they said,” and the Constitution, said attorney Jay Sekulow.

Ahead of the day’s proceedings, Sen. Roy Blunt of Missouri said the Democrats were putting forward “admirable presentations.” But he said, “They’ve basically got about one hour of presentation, and they gave it six times on Tuesday and eight times yesterday. There’s just not much new here.”

The top Senate Democrat, Chuck Schumer, acknowledged that many senators “really don’t want to be here.”

But Schumer said Schiff has been outlining a compelling case that many Republicans are hearing it for only the first time. He contended they can’t help but be “glued” to his testimony.

Once reluctant to take on impeachment during an election year, Democrats are now marching toward a decision by the Senate that the American public also will judge.

Trump blasted the proceedings in a Thursday morning tweet, declaring them the “Most unfair & corrupt hearing in Congressional history!”

Each side has up to three days to present its case. After the House prosecutors finish, likely Friday, the president’s lawyers will have as long as 24 hours. It’s unclear how much time they will actually take, but Trump’s team is not expected to finish Saturday, according to a person unauthorized to discuss the planning and granted anonymity. The Senate is expected to take only Sunday off and push into next week.

After that senators will face the question of whether they do, or do not, want to call witnesses to testify.

## LOTTERIES

**Thursday drawings**

**Michigan**

**Poker Lotto**
JH-2H-8H-2S-7S
**Midday Daily 3**
8-8-2
**Midday Daily 4**
0-7-9-1
**Daily 3**
2-6-1
**Daily 4**
8-3-3-7
**Fantasy 5**
03-07-15-29-31
**Keno**
01-02-03-14-15-18-19-20-22-25-26-40-41-48-55-57-60-62-66-71-76-77
**Mega Millions**
Jackpot: $130 million
**Powerball**
Jackpot: $373 million

**Wednesday drawings**

**Michigan**

**Powerball**
11-33-44-59-67, Powerball: 8, Power Play: 3

**Indiana**

**Cash 5**
01-03-05-18-22
**Cash4Life**
02-28-29-45-46, Cash Ball: 3
**Lotto Plus**
14-16-27-29-34-46
**Quick Draw Midday**
03-26-27-30-31-34-38-40-50-52-53-54-56-61-64-69-72-73-74-80, BE: 61
**Daily Three-Midday**
6-9-2, SB: 3
**Daily Three-Evening**
5-9-8, SB: 8
**Daily Four-Midday**
8-1-0-7, SB: 3
**Daily Four-Evening**
4-3-2-9, SB: 8
**Quick Draw Evening**
11-12-20-21-31-40-41-42-43-44-47-49-52-54-64-67-69-75-77-79, BE: 49
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11-12-19-30-34-41

**Illinois**

**LuckyDay Lotto Midday**
11-15-20-21-37
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4-3-2, Fireball: 3
**Pick Three-Evening**
3-6-7, Fireball: 8
**Pick Four-Midday**
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**Pick Four-Evening**
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# Over 100 state lawmakers accused of misconduct in three years

**By DAVID A. LIEB**
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Brown County Supervisor Staush Gruszynski speaks at a Brown County Board of Supervisors meeting at City Hall in Green Bay, Wis. Now a Wisconsin state representative, Grusznyski, in December, was removed from committee assignments and the Democratic caucus after an investigation determined he “verbally sexually harassed” a legislative employee at an offsite location after work hours. He has rejected calls to resign.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — State lawmakers across the U.S. have reached a troubling milestone for allegations of sexual misconduct, even as they have taken significant steps to try to prevent and investigate such behavior.

Recent complaints filed against Michigan state Sen. Peter Lucido mean at least 101 state legislators now have been publicly accused of sexual harassment or misconduct since the start of 2017, according to an Associated Press review.

That tally has continued to grow, despite the fact that the vast majority of state legislative chambers now require lawmakers to undergo training about sexual harassment, the AP review found.

“Training doesn’t guarantee that harassment will stop,” said Debbie Walsh, director of the Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University in New Jersey.

The AP review found mixed indications of progress and problems as the #MeToo movement enters its third legislative year. Over the past two years, states have enacted more than 75 laws and resolutions targeting sexual harassment, abuse and assault within government or the private sector.

Some of those laws have required regular training intended prevent harassment, established clear channels for reporting allegations, granted greater legal protections to whistle blowers, shed public light on secretive settlements and extended the deadline for prosecuting or suing over past instances of sexual abuse. At least two-thirds of all states have enacted some sort of new law in the #MeToo era.

The AP review found that at least 43 state Senate chambers and 45 House or Assembly chambers require sexual harassment training for their members. That’s up significantly from January 2018, when the AP’s initial survey found that about a third of all legislative chambers did not require lawmakers to receive training about what constitutes sexual harassment, how to report it and what consequences it carries.

Two years ago, the AP found that only a minority of legislative bodies conducted external investigations into complaints, with most others entrusting lawmakers or staff to look into allegations against colleagues. Today, the AP found that about half of all state legislative chambers have procedures for external investigators to look into sexual misconduct complaints involving lawmakers – a process that experts say can instill greater confidence for people to come forward with complaints.

Some states don’t require the use of external investigators but allow it as an option.

Michigan’s Republican Senate majority leader is hiring outside lawyers to assist the nonpartisan Senate Business Office in its investigation of Lucido, who faces two separate complaints.

Lucido, a Republican, was accused last week of making a sexist remark to a female reporter seeking an interview. After that incident was publicized, Democratic state Sen. Mallory McMorrow came forward this week to allege that she had been sexually harassed by Lucido during a Senate orientation session shortly after the November 2018 elections. She said Lucido held his hand on her lower back, near her rear, during a conversation about how she won election and looked her up and down while commenting: “I can see why.”

Lucido issued a brief apology for the “misunderstanding” with the reporter but later said he was misquoted. He denied McMorrow’s allegations as “completely untrue and politically motivated.”

Michigan Senate policy requires members to receive training regarding sexual harassment. That training occurred at the same orientation in which McMorrow alleges she was harassed during a break by Lucido. During the training session, McMorrow said, Lucido raised various scenarios in which sexual harassment could occur and commented: “The culture is what it (is) around here. We can’t change that.”

Experts agree that cultural change in an institution takes much more than basic training about what constitutes harassment.

“The reality is that people who sexually harass, they know – they already know what this is,” said Debbie S. Dougherty, a communications professor at the University of Missouri who ho researches sexual harassment policies. “That’s why we find that these kind of informational, first-order trainings are almost always a failure.”

The AP’s review identified at least 39 lawmakers who resigned or were expelled from office since January 2017 following sexual misconduct allegations and an additional 37 who faced other forms of repercussions, such as the loss of committee leadership positions. A few were cleared. Investigations are ongoing against others, such as Lucido. The list of 101 accused lawmakers includes at least one person from three-fourths of the states.

One of the most recent to be penalized was Wisconsin state Rep. Staush Gruszynski, who in December was removed from committee assignments and the Democratic caucus after an investigation determined he “verbally sexually harassed” a legislative employee at an offsite location after work hours. Gruszynski has rejected calls to resign.

The fact that sexual harassment complaints have continued mounting against lawmakers shows that the problem remains, but it also suggests that victims feel more confident in filing reports, said Walsh, of the Center for American Women and Politics.

“That’s a sign in some ways of the progress of having sort of a clearer, cleaner path that women can take if they have faced harassment,” she said, “and that will lead to people feeling that they empowered enough to step forward.”

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# Benton Twp. interviews trustee applicants

## Board to choose two trustees by Feb. 4 meeting

**By TONY WITTKOWSKI**
HP Staff Writer

BENTON TOWNSHIP — Several people were given a chance Thursday to state why they were the best choice to represent the 36 square miles that make up Benton Township.

In a trustee interview workshop held at township hall, the board asked seven candidates about why they wish to become trustees and how they would act under certain scenarios.

"This is to fill to terms that expire Nov. 20, 2020," Clerk Carolyn Phillips said before each interview.

The township has two vacancies on its board and began accepting applications in December.

The candidates, who submitted letters of intent to the township, included Janice Avery, Lemont Betts, Barbara Meeks, Richard Royall, Marletta Seats, Jerry Sirk and Arlandar Washington.

One by one, each candidate was brought in for a 15-minute interview to discuss their background.

Here's a brief look at each candidate in alphabetical order:

### Janice Avery

Avery, 64, has lived in the township for nearly all her life. Having worked for the township previously over the course of 23 years, Avery said she is now semi-retired.

She said she has experience working with people from her time in taking questions from the public when she worked for the township. Avery currently serves on the township's Board of Review.

"I am interested in making some decisions for the people of this township because that affects me too," Avery said.

### Lemont Betts

Betts, 53, grew up in the township and has worked at several retailers, including his current position where he is a manager at Lowe's.

He said he understands what would be asked of him as a trustee and looks forward to working with the public.

"I have a stake in seeing this township succeed," Betts said. "Ultimately, working with a group is one of my best qualities. You have to get along with people to get the best out of them."

### Barbara Meeks

Meeks, 62, has lived in the area for 43 years. Meeks previously ran for office as clerk, and serves on the board for Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.

Meeks has a bachelor of arts degree in business administration from Sienna Heights University.

"I just want to be part of the growing progress of Benton Charter Township," Meeks said. "I'm a team player and consider myself a fast learner."

### Richard Royall

Royall, 70, has previously run for township treasurer in prior elections. As a former Whirlpool Corp. employee, Royall has lived in the township since 1985.

He was a chairman of the board of trustees for the former American Baptist Church in Stevensville. Royall received a bachelor of science degree in business economics from Purdue University and

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By Don Campbell / HP staff

A man walks past ice-encrusted and wind-blown dune grass Thursday afternoon at Tiscornia Park in St. Joseph.

# Making a difference through needlework

## Bangor group donates time, needlework items to worthy causes

**By KIM INGALLS**
For The Herald-Palladium

BANGOR — Amid a room filled with handmade, warm fleece blankets, totes brimming with skeins of colorful yarn and a table full of needlework projects, sits a circle of women whose mission is to make a difference.

Needles of Love, as they fondly call themselves, consists of a small group of knitters, crocheters and sewers who meet once a week to make clothing and other items for others in need.

"We try to help out our area and beyond with things that we make," explained Kim Roe-Kester, one of the newer members. "An example would be I recently took a box to the nursing home in Bloomingdale. In the box, we had scarves, slippers, hats, lap blankets and a shawl."

Every Tuesday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. the ladies meet at Simpson United Methodist Church. Together, they have created a variety of

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Kim Ingalls / HP Correspondent

Simpson United Methodist Church is the meeting place for a new group called Needles of Love. Every Tuesday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m, the group meets to knit, sew and crochet items for charity. Pictured are Alice Reissmann (red sweater), Roseann Webster, Lavonne Thompson (pink top) and Helena Goosens (white top).

# Midwest Energy announces area school grants

**By HP STAFF**

CASSOPOLIS — Schools throughout Southwestern Michigan received grants this month from Midwest Energy and Communications' Strengthening Schools program.

This was a record year with 120 applications totaling more than $235,000 in requests. Co-op customers Pauline Giacobone of Schoolcraft, Janene Ogrin of Decatur and Dave Owens of Marcellus comprised the grant committee, reviewing applications and making award determinations without knowledge of the school, district or community.

Carmelita Beeching, administrative assistant at Lawrence Elementary School, was one of the grant recipients. "Midwest Energy & Communication has been a great supporter of our school district in many ways. I was awarded $500 to replenish our Tiger Care Closet, which offers gently used clothing, shoes and personal care products for our families. This is going to be a huge help for the parents in our district. We are so glad to have a great relationship with a local company that values community."

The grant recipients in The Herald-Palladium coverage area include: Bangor Middle School, $854 for teacher laptops; Eau Claire Middle/High School, $1,250 for college visit field trip; Gobles Middle/High School, $1,117 for circuit building equipment; Lawrence Elementary School, $500 for CARE closet that provides clothing, shoes and healthcare products for those in need; Van Buren Intermediate School District Behavioral Education Center, $1,000 for safe sensory room items; Watervliet High School, $2,000 for a table saw.

MEC launched the Strengthening Schools grant program in 2013 to help public school teachers reach their students in new and exciting ways. Since 2013, the cooperative has awarded 193 grants totaling $240,648.

Information and applications for the 2020-21 funding cycles will be available at teammidwest.com beginning in April.

SOUTH HAVEN

# City accepts grant for small watercraft dock

## Council nervous about project due to high water levels

**By BECKY KARK**
For The Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — Use it or lose it.

That's the conundrum South Haven City Council members faced this week in deciding whether to accept a grant to help pay for a new ADA-accessible small watercraft dock on the Black River.

Normally, city officials are happy to receive federal and state grants for recreational improvements, but they were a little wary about accepting the latest one.

The reason? Record high water levels on both Lake Michigan and the city's harbor.

"The Harbor Commission has noted increasing anxiety and concern about the overall state of boating in our harbor due to high waters," City Manager Brian Dissette said. "The commission has expressed growing concern over any capital outlay tied to marinas or harbor expenses. This is likely the last capital improvement project that I bring to council for a number of months while we see what happens with the high water levels."

It was over a year ago that city council gave the nod for staff to apply for a $35,000 Coastal Management Program grant toward development and construction of a $70,000 dinghy dock at the west side of Dyckman Bridge, with the understanding the city's marina fund would pay the other half.

There is an ADA-accessible pier and kayak launch at Black River Park, which is upriver from the drawbridge, but over the years there has been an increasing number of dinghys, kayaks and standup paddle boards on the river.

"Ten years ago we had citizens come forward to place a floating pier underneath the bascule bridge close to Capt. Lou's (restaurant)," Dissette said.

But the dock fell into disrepair and was deemed not to be in the best location.

Michigan's Coastal Management Program officials approved the $35,000 grant a couple of months ago, but this week the council had to decide whether to accept the grant.

In the end they did.

"If we don't approve the resolution it is unlikely they will

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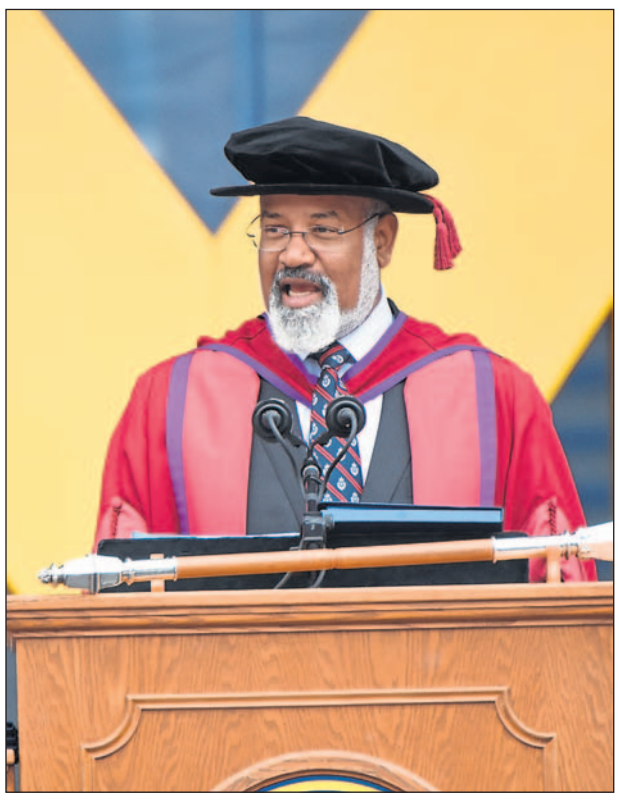

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**University of Michigan Provost Martin Philbert has been placed on administrative leave during an investigation into allegations of sexual misconduct, the school said Wednesday. Philbert speaks during commencement exercises in Ann Arbor in 2019.**

# University of Michigan official accused of sexual misconduct

**By ED WHITE**
Associated Press

DETROIT — The chief academic officer at the University of Michigan has been placed on paid leave during an investigation of sexual misconduct allegations, the president said Wednesday.

Martin Philbert is provost and executive vice president for academic affairs.

"We take allegations of sexual misconduct very seriously, and our policy is clear: Sexual misconduct will not be tolerated in the University of Michigan community," President Mark Schlissel said in a written statement.

Schlissel said Philbert was placed on leave Tuesday, less than a week after the university received "several allegations" of sexual misconduct. Spokesman Rick Fitzgerald said the complaints don't involve students.

"It remains early in the investigation, and no findings or conclusions have been reached. We thank the individuals who have come forward with these allegations. We know that reporting requires courage," Schlissel said.

An email seeking comment was sent to Philbert.

He joined the university in 1995 as a toxicology professor and eventually became dean of the School of Public Health. Philbert was appointed provost in 2017 and is paid $570,000 a year.

Schlissel said he has informed members of the university's Board of Regents and has their "full support."

"Today is a sad day for the University," Regent Jordan Acker said on Twitter.

Kailan Mehta, a senior from Clarkston, said the university is taking the right steps.

"I am also glad it was publicized and something was sent out. It might bring forward others," Mehta told The Detroit News.

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grant any extensions," Dissette said.

"This is one more tool to have more mobility (for watercraft using the river)," Harbormaster and Assistant City Manager Kate Hosier said. "Even though there are high water concerns, this is something we have been planning for several years. The other one (portable dock that was on the other side of the bridge) is unusable. It's just the timing is pretty bad."

## NEEDLEWORK

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gifts, like the 30 blankets that were given to homeless students attending Bangor Public Schools, blankets for children in foster care, hats and scarves to the Veteran's Hospital in Battle Creek, and their latest project – knitted knockers – for women who have had mastectomies.

"It's a really wonderful core group that enjoy each other's company. Some even come early, some stay late. They don't want to leave," said Alice Reissmann, who founded the group.

Reissmann said she started the group, sponsored by Senior Services of Van Buren County, somewhat selfishly as a way to use up her leftover yarn. She was pleasantly surprised by interest expressed by others in being a part of Needles of Love.

"We started with five people and now we are up to 14," Reissmann said. "We have some like a couple of ladies who are doing chemo that stay at home to knit. Another didn't want to come, but she had 30 hats that she donated."

The ladies also started with a small pile of yarn but since the word has spread, having enough to knit and crochet with hasn't been a problem.

"A lady saw an article in the Senior Sentinel," Reissmann said, "She said she can't knit anymore and had six to eight totes of yarn to donate. Her daughter said 'I didn't know why she told you that, it's more like 16 totes.'"

And it was.

Luckily, the church has been very accommodating because the crafters have acquired quite a bit of supplies.

The group is open to all experience levels. You don't need patterns or yarn, either.

"We have a couple of ladies that are very knowledgeable," Reissmann said. "If you only know a stitch or two, that's OK. We will teach you."

It's also OK if members want to make something for themselves, and just want some companionship.

"I wanted to start knitting again," explained Hillary Stanislawski who recently joined the group. "My family doesn't need any more afghans and all my grandchildren are high school age. They don't want to wear grandma's sweaters any more."

# Group drops part of voting suit, is OK with satellite sites

**By DAVID EGGERT**
Associated Press

LANSING — A liberal group has dropped part of its lawsuit challenging Michigan's law regarding same-day voter registration at polling places, after the state clarified that people can register to vote at satellite locations established by clerks.

Super PAC Priorities USA filed an amended suit Tuesday in the Court of Claims more than two months after suing. It cited a Jan. 13 memo in which the state elections bureau told local clerks that satellite offices – where people in a small number of communities have been able to cast absentee ballots for a number of election cycles – can also be used for voter registration up to and including on Election Day.

The guidance also said it is permissible to establish a satellite office at a polling location.

Michigan voters in 2018 approved a constitutional amendment expanding voting options, including by letting people register to vote at any time and then immediately vote. After passage of the ballot initiative, the Republican-led Legislature voted to limit in-person registration in the 14 days before an election to the local clerk's office over objections from Democrats who said citizens should be able to also register at polling places.

Priorities USA abandoned its argument that forcing voters to travel to a clerk's office to register is an undue burden, satisfied that clerks can use satellite locations for those with limited access to transportation. The suit continues to contest a documentation requirement and Democratic Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson's policy excluding teens from being automatically registered to vote when they turn 17½ years old.

Two other suits brought by Priorities USA in federal court challenge restrictions on transporting voters to the polls, helping people apply for absentee ballots and a requirement that absentee ballots be rejected if the voter's signature does not match what is on file.

"While we are encouraged by this recent victory, we know there's still so much work to be done in Michigan," said Guy Cecil, chairman of Washington, D.C.-based Priorities USA.

Satellite offices aren't new but still aren't commonplace, having been used by Detroit and Lansing. Their use may expand in the wake of the passage of the ballot initiative.

Jake Rollow, a spokesman for Benson, said voters amended the constitution to enable clerks to establish satellite locations with expanded options such as voter registration and no-reason absentee voting.

Sharon Dolente, voting rights strategist for the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan, said the elections bureau's guidance was not a policy shift, because "a satellite office is a clerk's office. ... But it's helpful for them to put that out there in clear terms to the 1,600 clerks of the state," especially with all the changes brought by the ballot proposal.

Satellite locations are especially needed in large cities and other densely populated areas like college campuses "where a lot of folks may need to be processed in a very short amount of time," said Dolente, who is working with advocates to persuade clerks to add satellite offices. "Now with Prop 3 and everybody being able to vote absentee, the number of folks needing to be processed is going to go up."

# State, Enbridge are at odds again

**By KEITH MATHENY**
Detroit Free Press (TNS)

A rod-like boring pipe Enbridge left in the Straits of Mackinac bottom after it broke last fall is about five times longer than the Canadian oil transport giant initially told state regulators, according to a Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy official. And whether it poses a hazard – and whether it can be recovered – has not yet been determined, the EGLE official said.

Enbridge only last week told EGLE officials that the remaining thin pipe in a collapsed bore-hole on the Straits bottom is about 200 feet long – not the 40 or so feet the company told regulators in November.

An EGLE official said it was "disconcerting" that Enbridge took two months to tell the state about the incident, and then mischaracterized the pipe piece left in the Straits bottom.

"We count on these types of industries to self-report – we don't have staff and equipment to go out and examine with an ROV (remote-operated vehicle) – we don't have an ROV," said Joseph Haas, EGLE's Water Resources Division district supervisor in Gaylord.

"It's probably not uncommon that this happens in this type of work – you break equipment. It's the fact that they didn't immediately report it to us that is disconcerting."

Critics of Enbridge and its twin, 67-year-old, underwater oil and gas pipelines in the Straits say it's just the latest episode in which the company failed to provide transparency about troubles with its operations to regulators or the public.

Enbridge last September was conducting bore-hole sampling of rock beneath the Straits, part of its more than $350 million plan to build a tunnel under the Straits bottom to house a new oil and gas transmission line, when its tremie pipe broke – a 3-inch, watertight pipe used to pump grout underwater to refill the bore holes where rock samples were taken.

The company waited two months, until November, to inform EGLE about the break.

"During that time we were continuing to work on finding a way to retrieve the rod," Enbridge spokesman Ryan Duffy said in an email to the Free Press.

"Our contractor was assessing the situation and gathering information, including sending down a remotely operated vehicle to get a picture of the rod and map its coordinates. They also conducted a risk assessment of the rod on the bottom. We never gave up on trying to retrieve the rod and continued to look for ways to do it."

In a Dec. 3 "Violation Notice/Order to Restore" from EGLE to Enbridge, Haas stated: "On November 19, 2019, Enbridge reported ... that on or about September 12, 2019, while completing the permitted Straits of Mackinac geotechnical borings, one bore hole collapsed, which resulted in 40 feet of 3-inch drilling rod breaking off in the borehole beneath the lake bottom. This also resulted in an additional 45 feet of 3-inch drilling rod to be broken and dropped onto bottom lands at an estimated 245 feet of water depth within the navigation channel."

Enbridge announced in December that it had used an underwater remote-operated vehicle, to recover the pipe piece on the Straits bottom. The pipe, which Enbridge called a rod, had moved to rest against the Line 5 pipeline, but "the rod never posed any safety or environmental risk to Line 5, the water, nor ship traffic in the Straits," Enbridge said in a statement Dec. 30.

Haas said he learned last week from Enbridge that the piece remaining lodged in the Straits bottom is actually about 200 feet in length.

When asked how the length of the remaining segment changed from 40 feet to 200 feet, Duffy said, "I can't speak to where any other numbers came from."

Countered Haas, "They said they weren't sure where the 40-foot number had come from that the state had reported. I replied, 'Because that's what you told me.' "

It's not the first time Enbridge has provided delayed, incomplete and later amended information to state regulators about potential problems with its operations in the Straits.

The company knew a section of the required protective coating on its twin, underwater oil pipelines in the Straits of Mackinac was damaged in 2014 – but did not make state officials aware of it for three years, until August 2017.

Duffy late that month described "two or three" areas of exposed bare metal on the underwater pipes, describing one as "Band-Aid-sized." But inspection reports Enbridge shared with the state that September, in response to requests for more information about the lost coating, showed eight areas on the twin lines where bare metal was exposed to the elements. All but one measured 7 inches or more in diameter. By that November, it was learned there were "dozens" of coating gaps on Line 5.

The missing enamel coating was discovered during pipeline inspections required in a 2016 consent decree between Enbridge and the federal government, part of a settlement stemming from a massive oil spill from an Enbridge oil transmission line near Marshall, in July 2010 that fouled more than 35 miles of the Kalamazoo River and prompted a four-year cleanup that cost more than $1 billion. Enbridge was fined $61 million as part of an overall $177-million settlement that required improvements to its pipeline networks.

The remaining segment of rod/pipe from September's break "remains embedded in the borehole," and "that section cannot be retrieved," Duffy said.

EGLE tentatively agrees, but is not ready to declare that yet.

"We've asked some technical experts to revisit again the currents in the Straits," Haas said. "We're waiting to see what they advise, as far as, is there a concern here? Or more of a concern?

"I don't expect much would be done (to recover) that remaining 200 feet of grout rod. It's likely recoverable, but it's a matter of money, effort, worker safety. We're still going through that assessment."

Part 325 of Michigan's Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act "clearly states you need a permit to place a structure or materials on bottom land," Haas said, and the left-behind tremie pipe could be considered a violation. The state is also considering requesting Enbridge's boring logs from its fall tests, which would typically include narratives about any issues encountered during borings, he said.

Line 5 moves 23 million gallons of oil and natural gas liquids per day through the Upper Peninsula, splitting into twin, underwater pipelines through the 4-mile stretch of the Straits, before returning to a single transmission pipeline through the Lower Peninsula and on to a hub in Sarnia, Ontario.

Concerned citizens and environmentalists have called for the decommissioning of the line, stating a spill like the one on Enbridge's Line 6B pipeline near the Kalamazoo River in 2010 would devastate the Great Lakes, shoreline and island communities, as well as the state's economy.

Enbridge this fall received state permission to replace missing pipeline supports along an 81-foot stretch of Line 5, a length of unsupported span that violates the terms of Enbridge's 1953 easement with the state allowing the pipeline to be built on the bottom of the Straits of Mackinac.

## APPLICANTS

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a master's from Washington University in St. Louis, Mo.

"I've had a long interest in getting involved with the township," Royall said. "I've run for office four times. I just think I can make a contribution."

### Marletta Seats

Seats, 70, has served in various positions including as a Berrien County commissioner, Benton Harbor school board president and a member of the Benton Township Planning Commission.

She retired from Bosch after 32 years, and has been a township resident since 1995.

"I've always been impressed with how the township takes care of business," Seats said. "I believe in staying in your lane, voting on all matters and understanding the roles and responsibilities of other elected officials."

### Jerry Sirk

Sirk, 73, spent 25 years as a staff member of the United Way of Southwest Michigan and is now retired.

Having always lived in the township, he previously served on Berrien County's Board of Canvassers.

"I have a lot of background in various aspects of government," Sirk said. "…I think I have a lot to offer. I was a machine repairman for awhile, so I understand mechanics and when things need to be replaced."

### Arlandar Washington

Washington, 55, has lived in the community for more than 20 years.

He's worked for a local laborer's union and sits on their board. Washington said he wants to be a part of the continuing development the township has seen over the years.

"I asked myself if I had really contributed to this community," Washington said. "I want to take on a new challenge – to be outside of my comfort zone."

### What's next?

The board is expected to choose two candidates at its next board meeting, on Feb. 4. The board couldn't choose the candidates on Thursday because it was a workshop – not a board meeting.

While the public was allowed to attend the workshop, no one was present Thursday.

Phillips said the board may meet for a brief meeting before the Feb. 4 board meeting to discuss the candidates. Afterward, the board would vote on its top two candidates.

The board has two vacancies as a result of the deaths of Trustee Carolyn Fowler and Supervisor Kevin White.

White died from injuries he suffered in an accident that occurred while working along I-94 for the Michigan Department of Transportation on Oct. 24.

Fowler, who served on Benton Township's board for nearly two decades, died on Nov. 24 after battling health problems for some time.

The next full board meeting is at 5:30 p.m. on Feb. 4 at Benton Township Hall.

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# hp HEALTH

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Jo Trizila, left, president and CEO of Trizcom Public Relations, listens to Ann Littmann during a staff meetings in Dallas.

# Hand sanitizers, flu shots: Businesses' defense against flu

By JOYCE M. ROSENBERG
Associated Press

Jo Trizila, president and CEO of Trizcom Public Relations, smiles as she brings hand sanitizer to a staff meetings at her offices in Dallas.

NEW YORK — As this winter's flu outbreak intensifies, small business owners try to keep their companies from being overwhelmed by employee absences.

At Gold Medal Wine Club, any surfaces people are likely to touch, including the coffee machine, water dispenser and door knobs, are wiped down, and there's hand sanitizer on every desk. The 11 staffers are expected to sub for one another when someone's sick, something that's critical when orders for wine pour in.

"We want to be sure our phones are answered," says Kelsey Chesterfield, marketing manager for the Santa Barbara, Calif., company. "If some people are out sick, others have to come in earlier."

The flu can be devastating for small businesses. If a company with just a handful of employees has two or more out at once, it can be difficult or impossible to get the work done.

So owners pay for flu shots and use disinfectants in hopes of keeping everyone healthy, and urge sick staffers not to come to work. And, as Gold Medal Wine Club does, they train and reassign staffers to cover for sick colleagues.

"Nothing harms our ability to hit deadlines more than a spreading flu through the ranks of our staff members," says Alex Kehoe, co-founder of Caveni, a website design company that has 10 employees at its Philadelphia headquarters and more than 10 others who work remotely.

When Kehoe's staffers start having flu symptoms, he encourages them to stay home. Kehoe follows his own advice; he was working at home with a bad cold while being interviewed by phone for this story.

This flu season started early and all but two states reported widespread outbreaks by the week ending Jan. 11, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. From 1982-2018, the flu most often peaked in February, so there's a good chance the rest of the states will see their cases increase this year.

There may be even more concern about illness spreading at work after news that a Washington state man traveling in China contracted a virus that has killed six people and sickened hundreds more in that country. The man is now hospitalized near Seattle.

Jo Trizila's firm has five employees and no wiggle room when flu hits. Clients expect work to be done no matter what circumstances Dallas-based TrizCom Public Relations is dealing with. Trizila can find herself with 18-hour days to cover her work and a sick staffer's – she has nowhere else to turn.

"We're not in a position to hire a temp because our jobs are so specific and so creative," Trizila says. "Someone can't just step in and do it."

Like many other owners whose work is done on computers and online, Trizila tells staffers they can work from home. But she's realistic that chills, sore throat and high fever can wipe out an employee's ability to do any work.

"You don't even check your phone, you feel so crummy," she says.

Like many owners, Trizila has encouraged staffers to get flu shots. The vaccines are fully covered under many health insurance plans and some owners arrange for employees to get their shots at work.

At Gold Medal, staffers are paid $25 if they get flu shots, although vaccinations are covered under the company's insurance.

But owners often can't require staffers to be vaccinated, says Rick Gibbs, a consultant with human resources provider Insperity. Some employees may be covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act, which prohibits employers from requiring employees to undergo medical procedures. However, people who work in health care facilities can be required to be immunized.

Some staffers don't want to stay home if they're sick. Gibbs recommends owners appeal to staffers' common sense – it's better for them and their co-workers if they stay home. And if a staffer wants to work rather than lose pay, Gibbs recommends owners rethink their paid time off or sick leave policy; workers are more likely to stay home if they know they won't lose pay.

Staffers whose work is done at customers' homes and businesses are at risk not only of spreading the flu, but also catching it.

At Christina Clark's Molly Maid home cleaning franchise, some customers who are sick want their homes cleaned and sanitized anyway.

"As soon as we find out someone is sick in a home, we do ask that we reschedule the cleaning until they are feeling better," says Clark, whose company is based in Pensacola, Fla.

Clark contracts with a company to give staffers flu shots at work. If she has several staffers out of once, it makes it harder to do all the scheduled cleaning jobs; it's not the kind of work that Clark can hire part-time workers to do.

## IN BRIEF

### Alzheimer's group meets Wednesday

SOUTH HAVEN — The Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group will meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday at South Haven Memorial Library, 314 Broadway St.

Alzheimer's caregivers of all ages are welcome to attend.

For more information, call facilitator Ray Llorens at 637-1418 or the library at 637-2403.

### Class to focus on food relationships

ST. JOSEPH — Spectrum Health Lakeland will host a four-part series on intuitive eating that will focus on restoring a peaceful and easy relationship with food.

The first class will be from noon-1 p.m. Thursday in the pharmacy conference room at the Center for Outpatient Services, 3900 Hollywood Road.

Participants will learn how to trust their bodies' cues, release the grip of diet culture, and stop spending time and energy worrying about food, Registered Dietitian Monique Miller said in a news release.

Session are meant to be interactive and informative, with presentation and individual and group exercise components. There will be take-home materials to reinforce concepts presented.

Registration is required. For more information, or to register, call 556-2868.

### Bones in Balance classes starting

ST. JOSEPH — Lakeland Orthopedic Physical Therapy is enrolling participants for Bones in Balance, a four-week program designed to teach those with osteoporosis and osteopenia how to live with these conditions through self-management.

Bones in Balance incorporates education and exercise, and is led by trained physical therapists. The program includes self-management tips from a pharmacist, registered dietitian and nurse educator.

Classes will meet from 9-11:30 a.m. or 5-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays from Feb. 4-27 at the Center for Outpatient Services, 3900 Hollywood Road.

A physician's order is required to participate.

There is a $25 registration fee to cover the cost of materials. The remaining amount is billable to insurance.

For more information, or to register, call 556-7150.

### Learn to live well with heart failure

NILES — Spectrum Health Lakeland will offer "Living Well with Heart Failure," a free class about congestive heart failure, from 1-2 p.m. Feb. 4 in the Buchanan Health Resource Library at Lakeland Hospital Niles, 31 N. St. Joseph Ave.

Participants will learn to identify common causes and symptoms of heart failure, as well as new daily routines that can dramatically improve one's quality of life.

Registration is required by calling 556-2808.

### Haddad buys dental practice from Klug

ST. JOSEPH — New leadership is in place at Stadium Dental Center, 2460 Lakeshore Drive, as Dr. Rick Klug has announced his retirement.

Dr. David Haddad has bought the practice and the building, according to a news release.

Haddad is a graduate of Loma Linda University in California, and "has great plans for the practice, and changes for the building."

Stadium Dental has been in business since the early 1970s, when Drs. William Rahn and E.H. Ward were owners.

Klug started his practice here when he finished dental school, and eventually bought the building.

For more info about the practice, call 983-5583.

### Maternal fetal medicine specialists now available in SJ

ST. JOSEPH — High-risk pregnant women and women with chronic illnesses considering pregnancy now have local access to advanced levels of care through a new partnership with Spectrum Health.

Maternal fetal medicine specialists at Spectrum Health Medical Group are providing comprehensive diagnostic and consultation services at a new satellite facility at 3950 Hollywood Road, Suite 240.

Maternal fetal medicine specialists are board-certified with four years of obstetrics and gynecology residency training in addition to completing a maternal fetal medicine fellowship.

Specialists care for women undergoing diagnostic or therapeutic procedures during pregnancy, healthy women whose pregnancies are at greater risk, and those with medical or surgical disorders such as heart disease, high blood pressure, diabetes or preeclampsia, among others.

Women who have already been through a complicated pregnancy, are managing an existing health condition, or have learned something about their pregnancy that needs ongoing care should talk with their obstetrician about a referral to a maternal fetal medicine specialist.

For more info, call 616-391-3681 or visit spectrumhealth.org.

*Do you have health or wellness news that you think would make a good feature story? Send it to Features Editor Andy Steinke at The Herald-Palladium, P.O. Box 128, St. Joseph, MI 49085; deliver it to 3450 Hollywood Road, St. Joseph; or email it focus@TheHP.com.*

## BLOOD DRIVES

### American Red Cross

■ Noon-5:45 p.m. today, Hartford Federated Church, 65418 Red Arrow Highway, Hartford.

### Versiti Blood Center of Michigan

■ 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

■ 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

■ Noon-7 p.m. Wednesday, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

*Donors must be at least 17 years old (16 with parental consent) and weigh at least 112 pounds.*

# How to get better sleep in just six steps

You're not doomed to toss and turn every night. Consider simple tips for better sleep, from setting a sleep schedule to including physical activity in your daily routine.

Think about all the factors that can interfere with a good night's sleep – from work stress and family responsibilities to unexpected challenges, such as illnesses. It's no wonder that quality sleep is sometimes elusive.

While you might not be able to control the factors that interfere with your sleep, you can adopt habits that encourage better sleep. Start with these simple tips:

■ **Stick to a sleep schedule.** Set aside no more than eight hours for sleep. The recommended amount of sleep for a healthy adult is at least seven hours. Most people don't need more than eight hours in bed to achieve this goal.

Go to bed and get up at the same time every day. Try to limit the difference in your sleep schedule on weeknights and weekends to no more than one hour. Being consistent reinforces your body's sleep-wake cycle.

If you don't fall asleep within about 20 minutes, leave your bedroom and do something relaxing. Read or listen to soothing music. Go back to bed when you're tired. Repeat as needed.

■ **Pay attention to what you eat and drink.** Don't go to bed hungry or stuffed. In particular, avoid heavy or large meals within a couple of hours of bedtime. Your discomfort might keep you up.

Nicotine, caffeine and alcohol deserve caution, too. The stimulating effects of nicotine and caffeine take hours to wear off and can wreak havoc on quality sleep. And even though alcohol might make you feel sleepy, it can disrupt sleep later in the night.

■ **Create a restful environment.** Create a room that's ideal for sleeping. Often, this means cool, dark and quiet.

Exposure to light might make it more challenging to fall asleep. Avoid prolonged use of light-emitting screens just before bedtime. Consider using room-darkening shades, earplugs, a fan or other devices to create an environment that suits your needs.

Doing calming activities before bedtime, such as taking a bath or using relaxation techniques, might promote better sleep.

■ **Limit daytime naps.** Long daytime naps can interfere with nighttime sleep. If you choose to nap, limit yourself to up to 30 minutes and avoid doing so late in the day.

If you work nights, however, you might need to nap late in the day before work to help make up your sleep debt.

■ **Include physical activity in your daily routine.** Regular physical activity can promote better sleep. Avoid being active too close to bedtime, however.

Spending time outside every day might be helpful, too.

■ **Manage worries.** Try to resolve your worries or concerns before bedtime. Jot down what's on your mind and then set it aside for tomorrow.

Stress management might help. Start with the basics, such as getting organized, setting priorities and delegating tasks. Meditation also can ease anxiety.

Know when to contact your health care provider.

Nearly everyone has an occasional sleepless night – but if you often have trouble sleeping, contact your doctor. Identifying and treating any underlying causes can help you get the better sleep you deserve.

*– Mayo Clinic News Network (TNS)*

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# Kangaroos in crisis need consumers' help

**Kathleen Parker**

Australia's wildfires have singed the souls of bystanders in an ongoing tragedy, the dimensions of which haven't been fully realized. From the millions – perhaps a billion – animals destroyed to the unfathomable suffering of survivors, it is too much for the human psyche to absorb.

Most have seen the heartbreaking images on social media and elsewhere of Australia's iconic wildlife – kangaroos, koalas and wallabies – burned, starving or dead. One image of a tiny wallaby grasping the ankle of a man who saved it haunts me, as do the orphaned joeys snuggled in handmade pouches sewn by volunteers around the world.

People moved by the tragedy have contributed millions of dollars in donations, while others have air-dropped food and water to help sustain wildlife. Even these efforts seem merely symbolic against the enormity of the devastation. What more can any mortal do to alleviate such suffering and loss? The laws of supply and demand may point the way.

For starters, Australia could stop its slaughter of kangaroos, at least until the population stabilizes. This is, needless to say, a provocative suggestion. Hunters and the Australian government together kill over a million kangaroos every year – 1.5 million in 2017 – and process their parts for export to Europe (the largest consumer), the U.S. and, if lobbyists get their way, China.

Further complicating even a sensible discussion about curtailing what is viewed by many as sustainable culling is the popularized view that kangaroos are pests, competing with sheep and cattle for grazing lands. There's also the small matter of national autonomy. What Australia does with its own resources is no one else's business, some might reasonably argue.

However, what *is* everyone's business is how we consumers contribute to these massive culls. Many readers probably would be surprised to learn that some soccer cleats and other athletic footwear, including models made by Adidas and Nike, are made from kangaroo leather.

Why are shoes made of kangaroo leather more offensive to some than are shoes made of cowhide? It may be that kangaroos are simply cuter, hopping around like happy children while carrying babies in their pockets. We Disney acolytes have trouble killing and eating certain animals. Seeing images of kangaroos hugging people resonates on a profound human level.

Others are repelled by the scale of the kangaroo harvest – the largest terrestrial slaughter in the world. To animal rights activists, concerns focus on the animal's sustainability and whether the kills are humane.

Australia stands by its National Code of Practice, which requires that all kangaroos be killed with a single shot to the head by trained hunters – and that mothers carrying joeys should be avoided. If a joey emerges from its slain mother's pouch, guidelines "recommend" that the baby also be killed quickly by clubbing or decapitation "to prevent the inhumane death of young that cannot survive on their own."

Animal activists argue, however, that such regulations can't be properly monitored when hunters are 2,000 miles away in the bush and that there are otherwise too few enforcers to keep up. The award-winning 2017 documentary film "Kangaroo: A Love Hate Story" illustrates their point in such graphic detail, even the most-dedicated exotic meat consumer would have cause to pause.

Such conflicts won't likely be resolved without external pressures, which is why letters have gone out to the CEOs of both Adidas and Nike urging them to halt the use of kangaroo products for cleats. (The author of the letters is Wayne Pacelle, the former CEO of the Humane Society of the United States, who left the organization after several female employees accused him of sexual misconduct. He continues his life's work through several entities he has founded, including the Center for a Humane Economy.)

If Nike and Adidas take a stand against kangaroo products, the hope is that others will follow. Both companies are sensitive to sustainability and humane practices, having already switched over to manmade materials for some of its products, but synthetic cleats could break new ground in these critical, environmentally unstable times.

The very last thing Nike and Adidas should do, Pacelle wrote in his letters, is to provide financial incentives for people to chase down and kill kangaroos in their native habitats. And, the very *least* thing individuals can do is starve the market by declining to eat kangaroo meat and refusing to buy anything labeled "K-leather." Such small gestures may seem mostly symbolic, but millions of such gestures would mean reduced demand – and, ultimately, a more humane world.

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# As trial begins, the White House strikes back

**Byron York**

"Trump has no defense at all," Harvard law professor Laurence Tribe, an influential figure among impeachment Democrats, tweeted recently.

"The case is uncontested," Democratic House impeachment manager Rep. Hakeem Jeffries said.

"They can't contest the facts," said lead Democratic impeachment manager Rep. Adam Schiff.

In the last month or so, it has become commonplace for Democrats and their allies in the press to argue that President Trump simply has no defense against the two articles of impeachment passed by the House. Republicans disagreed, and vigorously defended the president in House hearings, but the fact was, the White House had not released a comprehensive defense in the nearly four months since Speaker Nancy Pelosi announced the beginning of impeachment proceedings.

Until now.

On Monday the White House released a 110-page defense memorandum signed by White House counsel Pat Cipollone and Trump lawyer Jay Sekulow. In it, the two lawyers address the substance of the Democratic charges against the president: the Trump-Zelensky phone call of July 25, 2019, the decision to withhold and later deliver security assistance to Ukraine, the legitimacy of Trump's concerns about Ukrainian activities in the 2016 election, the case of Hunter Biden, and more.

In other words, all the things the president's adversaries said he could not address – all those things are addressed in the Cipollone-Sekulow memo.

The lawyers also criticize the process of impeachment in the House, and the definition of an impeachable offense.

Taken together, the memo is the across-the-board defense that many Republicans have long wanted the White House to mount.

On the substance of the abuse-of-power article against the president, Cipollone and Sekulow present a detailed analysis of the Trump-Zelensky call and events surrounding it. The rough transcript of the call released by the White House on Sept. 25 "shows the president did nothing wrong," they write. Trump's discussion of burden-sharing has been a "consistent theme" of his presidency.

As far as the president's discussion of the 2016 election was concerned, "Uncovering potential foreign interference in U.S. elections is always a legitimate goal, whatever the source of the interference and whether or not it fits with Democrats' preferred narrative." There were, in fact, legitimate concerns about Ukrainian efforts to influence the 2016 election, and it was not improper for the president to inquire about them.

It was also legitimate to bring up the issue of Hunter Biden and Burisma, the lawyers argue. "Public reports indicate that then-Vice President Joe Biden threatened withholding U.S. loan guarantees to secure the dismissal of a Ukrainian prosecutor, even though Biden was, at the time, operating under what appeared to be, at the very least, a serious conflict of interest," they write.

Then there was the issue of the temporarily withheld assistance. "There was no discussion of the paused security assistance on the July 25 call," Cipollone and Sekulow write. The Ukrainians have said there was no pressure on them, and they did not know that security assistance had been paused at the time of the call. "House Democrats' charge is further disproved by the straightforward fact that not a single witness with actual knowledge ever testified that the president suggested any connection between announcing investigations and security assistance," the memo says.

Cipollone and Sekulow single out for special criticism Gordon Sondland, the U.S. ambassador to the European Union who offered changing testimony to House impeachers. "House Democrats base their case [for a quid pro quo] on witnesses who offer nothing but speculation," they write. "Worse, it is speculation that traces back to one source: Sondland. Other witnesses repeatedly invoked things that Ambassador Sondland had said in a chain of hearsay that would never be admitted in any court."

On the issue of process, Cipollone and Sekulow argue that House Democrats cut so many corners in the impeachment inquiry that the White House had legitimate reasons not to participate. Finally, on the question of impeachable offenses, they argue that "abuse of power" is not only not a crime but is far too broad and ill-defined to be impeachable. As far as obstruction of Congress is concerned, they argue that in the face of a reckless impeachment investigation, the White House simply asserted legitimate constitutional rights, and the assertion of legitimate constitutional rights cannot be an impeachable offense.

All in all, it was an argument that heartened many Republican defenders of the president.

"I think it effectively lays out why this impeachment proceeding is flawed on every basis – factually, legally and constitutionally," said GOP Rep. John Ratcliffe. "The complete deprivation of due process alone, where the president's counsel was forbidden from participating during the first 71 days of the impeachment inquiry, should result in a dismissal of both articles at the onset of the trial proceedings."

Now, the important question is how Senate Republicans will react. Many have not followed the details of impeachment closely.

The Cipollone-Sekulow memo gives them the first all-inclusive defense of the president anyone has seen. It will likely become the template for Republican defenses in the contentious days and weeks to come.

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# #Midnight-Mitch's gift to the Democrats

**E.J. Dionne**

Democrats owe a debt to Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell.

Yes, you read that right.

Recall that when Democrats were debating whether to impeach President Trump last year, those opposed to the move argued there was no chance that Senate Republicans would remove him from office, committed as they are to marching off any cliff toward which the president directs them.

The fear was that Trump would inevitably tout acquittal in the Senate as vindication. He'd say that impeachment was, to use a word invoked over and over by his hapless lawyer Pat Cipollone on the Senate floor (because he had little of substance to say), "ridiculous."

But #MidnightMitch, as the Senate leader was labeled by his Twitter critics, rode to the rescue. By working with Trump to rig the trial by admitting as little evidence as possible, McConnell robbed the proceeding of any legitimacy as a fair adjudication of Trump's behavior.

Instead of being able to claim that Trump was "cleared" by a searching and serious process, Republican senators will now be on the defensive for their complicity in the Trump cover-up.

It gets worse. Thanks to assertions by Trump's lawyers that he did absolutely nothing wrong, an acquittal vote, as The Washington Post editorialized, "would confirm to Mr. Trump that he is free to solicit foreign interference in the 2020 election and to withhold congressionally appropriated aid to induce such interference."

Is that the position that Republican Sens. Susan Collins (Maine), Cory Gardner (Colorado), Thom Tillis (North Carolina) and Martha McSally (Arizona), among others, want to embrace as they run for reelection this fall? Good luck with that.

McConnell's initial rules were so outrageous that even some Republicans, among them Collins and Ohio Sen. Rob Portman, gagged and forced their leader to relent just a bit. But by making his opening proposal so absurd, McConnell could be cast as giving ground to "moderates" without giving up very much.

The Republican leader initially wanted to cram 24 hours of opening arguments into two days for each side – thus "#MidnightMitch," since this would force much of the debate into the dead of night – and to require a formal vote before admitting evidence already gathered by the House. After the outcry, McConnell went from two days to three, and allowed in House evidence unless there is an objection.

But this did not protect his Republican colleagues from having to walk the plank and vote down one amendment after another proposed by Senate Minority Leader Charles Schumer to admit evidence and call witnesses at the beginning of the trial rather than later. Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., the lead impeachment manager who burnished his image as a Democratic star with clear and quietly passionate interventions, made the fundamental point: Why didn't the senators want to question witnesses at the outset rather than later? Why indeed?

How scared are Republicans of the facts, and of Trump's vindictiveness? A little before 2 a.m. on Wednesday, they voted down an amendment offered by Sen. Chris Van Hollen, D-Md., that would have allowed Chief Justice John Roberts, the presiding officer – who is, to say the least, no enemy of the Republican Party – to decide on what evidence to admit and what witnesses to call, with the Senate having the opportunity to override him.

As Van Hollen argued, in rejecting his proposal to sidestep partisan divisions, McConnell's majority "abandoned all pretense of impartiality."

There's talk that a handful of Republicans, realizing how their party is doing all it can to discredit itself, may agree to call witnesses later. But by requiring his followers to reject any sort of bipartisan agreement on the rules, McConnell has sent an indelible message.

Republicans don't want to "try" the case, as the Constitution says the Senate should. They don't want to deal with the mountains of evidence the impeachment managers previewed effectively during the procedural debate and began to detail on Wednesday. They just want to make Trump happy by making impeachment go away as quickly as possible.

No Democrat has been kinder in his comments about Senate Republicans over the years than former Vice President Joe Biden. So when he was asked about the GOP's behavior on impeachment on MSNBC's "Morning Joe" Wednesday morning, Biden offered his verdict with quiet sadness. "I think it's one of the things they're going to regret," he said, "when their grandchildren read in history books what they did."

And many of them may regret it sooner than that, when voters cast their ballots in November.

*E.J. Dionne is a columnist for The Washington Post.*

## LETTERS

### A fond remembrance of Al Butzbaugh

**Editor,**

I was asked to the Michigan-Army football game in September by T.D. Butzbaugh. I was thrilled to go with T.D., Al and Judy Butzbaugh. It was an exciting game in which Michigan won in overtime.

On the way home I mentioned former Gov. Jennifer Granholm would be speaking in South Haven in September. Al was interested in going. He attended with his wife, Tiffany. At the end of the former governor's speech someone must have mentioned Al Butzbaugh was sitting in the first row.

This is what I'll remember and cherish: Jennifer Granholm jumped off the stage. She went down and gave Al a big hug. He had a big smile on his face. A great guy was hugged by a terrific person. I think she may have been involved in Al becoming a judge (maybe). I'll always remember Al being so pleased.

**Jim Jeschke**
**St. Joseph**

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# OBITUARIES

## Nancy D. Brown

June 14, 1943 – Jan. 22, 2020

Nancy "Susie" D. Brown, 76, of Woodstock, Conn., passed away peacefully on Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2020, at Westview Health Care Center in Dayville, Conn., succumbing to complications associated with a rare vascular disorder, hereditary hemorrhagic telangiectasia (HHT) and congestive heart failure.

Nancy was born in Benton Harbor on June 14, 1943, and grew up in nearby St. Joseph. A nature and wildlife lover, Nancy took the opportunity in her youth to play and explore the outdoors at Stockbridge – her family's farm and horseback riding school. Growing up around horses, she was a natural equestrian, spending time helping at the stables, doing everything from teaching riding lessons to taking care of the horses. Her students, family and friends all knew her by Susie while at Stockbridge Farm.

Nancy eventually left Michigan to attend high school at Sanford School in Hockessan, Del. After graduating in 1963, she pursued her passion for horseback riding and subsequently enrolled in the Potomac Horse Center in Potomac, Md. She excelled and was invited to try out for the 1968 Summer Olympics Equestrian Show Jumping Team. Although she didn't go to the Olympics, she earned her Horse Mastership Certification in 1967, and became an accomplished horseback riding instructor, licensed to teach in Massachusetts and Connecticut, where she eventually settled. Nancy taught lessons but devoted herself to taking care of her three children.

Nancy was also a lifelong lover of dogs, and later in life, owned her beloved Newfoundlands, including her dear Belle, Ellie and Sterling. She became involved in the Newfoundland Club of New England, where she proudly worked with her dogs, and with the help of others, getting them certified in water rescue and draft work.

In the last 10 years, Nancy's pride and joy were her two grandchildren, Nora and Liam. She enjoyed spending time with them and hosting sleepovers, too. A loving mother and grandmother, Nancy was also a friend to many. Nancy was very proud of the accomplishments of all of her children and grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her mother, Caroline Witte (nee Hoffmann); father, Bradford Brown; and her brother, Gordon Brown.

She is survived by her daughter, Abigail C. Miller (nee Carreno), son-in-law, Rick Miller, granddaughter, Nora Miller, and grandson, Liam Miller, all of Spencer, Mass.; her son, Hunter Carreno of Woodstock, Conn; and her son, Justin T. Carreno of Arlington, Va.

Donations, in lieu of flowers, can be sent to either of the following organizations: Cure HHT, P.O. Box 329, Monkton, MD 21111 or the Newfoundland Club of New England Charitable Fund, 131 Clough Pond Road, Canterbury, NH 03224-2406. Burial of ashes will take place privately with the family at a later date. Condolences can be offered at 11 Shore Dr., Spencer, MA, 01562. Funeral services have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT. For memorial guest book please visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

## George David Albers

Oct. 26, 1932 – Jan. 16, 2020

George David Albers died on Jan. 16, 2020. George was born Oct. 26, 1932. He was 88 years old.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Marcia; his parents, Ross and Sarah; and sisters, Louise, Barbara and Margaret.

George is survived by his children, Carol Green and John Horton; grandson, Christopher Green; great-grandchildren, Vanya, Alexander and Kaylin; sisters, Muriel Elkins and Marjorie Muirhead; brother, Ross Albers; and many nieces and nephews.

George spent much of his life in service to his community. He worked to help feed his neighbors, served as a trustee in Baroda and participated as a member of the Papasan-Mamasan Korean Veteran's Association. George also dressed as Santa Claus at local hospitals. He was loved and will be missed.

A celebration of George's life will held at a later date.

Love memorials may be sent to Papasan-Mamasan Korean Veterans Assoc., in care of Harold Wagner, 1343 Honeysuckle Lane, Niles, MI 49120, or to a charity of your choice with grateful thanks from his family.

## Kenneth Earl Arend

May 20, 1930 – Jan. 19, 2020

Kenneth Earl Arend of Sturgis, Mich., passed away Jan. 19, 2020, after a short illness.

His beloved wife, Marcia (Tollas) Arend, preceded him in death in 2018.

He is survived by daughter, Jeanine Lugo (Nobel) of Indianapolis; son, David Arend (Telka); granddaughter, Saige of Lansing, Mich.; step-grandchildren, Robert (Leslie) Lugo and Melissa (Bryan) Ervin; and several great-grandchildren.

His parents, Clarence and Myrl (Lauer) Arend, preceded him in death, as well as five brothers: Lester, Lynn, Vere, Delbert and Ray.

Born May 20, 1930, in Baroda, the youngest of six boys, Earl played basketball on the 1948 State Championship Baroda Bulldog team and graduated as class valedictorian in 1949. Shortly after graduation from WMU, he married his high school sweetheart, Marcia Tollas, and they moved to Coldwater. In 1957 they moved to Sturgis, where he taught school and then served as an elementary school principal for 30 years before retiring in 1992.

Community service was an important component of his life as he sought to make Sturgis a better place to live and work. He and Marcia were proud of their participation in forming and funding the Sturgis Neighborhood Program. He was an active member of the Sturgis Exchange Club, serving as president for several years, and organized many Exchange Club projects. Earl was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church, serving as elder and deacon.

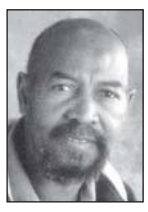
Earl and Marcia especially enjoyed traveling with Elderhostel to 33 different locations. Earl's flower gardens were stunning, and people often drove by their home to see what was blooming. They dearly enjoyed their cocker spaniel, Rudy, who took Earl on walks around Thurston Woods until his health prevented his daily walks.

Visitation will be at the First Presbyterian Church at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 22, followed by a Celebration of Life Service at 11 a.m. Lunch will be provided by the Presbyterian Church after the service. The Rosenberg Chapel of Hackman Family Funeral Homes, 807 E. Chicago Road, Sturgis, MI 49091, has been entrusted with the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Earl's name may be directed to the First Presbyterian Church of Sturgis or the Sturgis Foundation/ Sturgis Neighborhood Program.

## Ernest McCall Sr.

March 3, 1938 – Jan. 20, 2020



Ernest, known as "Daddy B" and "Ernie B" McCall Sr., 81, of Benton Harbor passed away at Hanson Hospice Center on Monday, Jan. 20, 2020, following a brief illness.

Ernest was born on March 3, 1938, to the late Joseph McCall and Corine Miller in Arkansas.

After graduating from high school, Ernie B worked for many years for Whirlpool Corporation in Benton Harbor as well as other local factories. He also spent some of his final working years at Benton Harbor Public Schools. Ernie B loved to sing and could always be found with a smile, never complaining. As an integral member of the Benton Harbor community, Ernie B was vital as a volunteer working in soup kitchens and visiting those in hospitals and nursing homes, often picking people up to ride with him. Ernie B never missed an opportunity to play the lottery, especially his daily three and four digit numbers.

In June 1959, he married Judith, and from this union was born five children: Ernest Jr., Laura Ann, Brian, Leslie and Yolanda.

He was preceded in death by his parents; former wife, Judith McCall; and sister, Patricia Rimpson.

Ernest is survived by his children: Ernest (Cindy) McCall Jr. of Niles, Laura Ann McCall of Waukegan, Ill., Brian K. McCall of Buchanan, Leslie McCall of Niles, Yolanda (Bryant) Duncan of Gurnee, Ill., and Dion and Latoya Branch, both of Benton Harbor; nine grandchildren: Chalanda (Craig) Johnson, Cyntoya McCall, Jordan Duncan, Brielle Duncan, Aliyah McCall, Janay McCall, Shilas McCall, Jalen Beck and Xzavier Brown; siblings, Roger Miller of Benton Harbor and James McCall of St. Louis; special friend, Janie Barrett of Benton Harbor; special nieces, Shunta Rimpson, Rochelle Powell and Michelle Hogan; and a host of great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and countless lives and hearts he touched.

A time of visitation will be held from 4-6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 26, at Brown Funeral Home in Niles. Funeral services will be held at noon on Monday, Jan. 27, at Beautiful Gate Baptist Church in Benton Harbor, with a time of visitation beginning at 11 a.m.

Condolences, photos and memories may be left for the family at www.BrownFuneralHomeNiles.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services of Niles.

## Gloria M. Agay

May 13, 1940 – Jan. 23, 2020

Gloria M. Agay, 79, of St. Joseph passed away on Thursday, Jan. 23, 2020, at Caretel Inns of Lakeland.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 28, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 220 Church St., with Fr. Arul Lazar officiating. Burial will follow in Riverview Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family from 3-5 p.m. Monday, Jan. 27, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph. A rosary will be recited at 5 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church or the Society of St. Vincent DePaul (SVDP). Those wishing to leave a memorial contribution online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Gloria was born on May 13, 1940, to Arthur and Helen (Rudnick) Schultz, in St. Joseph. She graduated from St. Joseph Catholic High School and continued her education at Nazareth College, where she earned her bachelor's in education. Gloria taught for over 35 years at Benton Harbor Elementary School, teaching second- and third-grade before her retirement. Gloria married David Agay at St. Joseph Catholic Church. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church for over 79 years and a founding member of the Society of St. Vincent DePaul Conference. Gloria enjoyed volunteering for the Morlock Center in St. Joseph and for Birthright. She also spent her time sewing and making different crafts. Most of all, Gloria loved to spend time with her family, especially her great nieces and nephews.

Gloria is survived by her siblings, Eugene Schultz of California and Carole Demkovich of Stevensville; two step-children; two step-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Gloria was preceded in death by her parents, Arthur and Helen Schultz; and husband, David Agay.

## Cheryl L. Schinck

Feb. 4, 1948 – Jan. 22, 2020

Cheryl L. Schinck, 71, of Coloma passed away unexpectedly on Jan. 22, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center in St. Joseph.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25, at Duffield & Pastrick Family Funeral Home, where visitation will begin at noon. Burial will follow in Harris Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Cheryl may be made to the North Berrien Firefighters Association. Those wishing to leave an online message of remembrance may do so at www.duffieldpastrick.com.

Cheryl was born Feb. 4, 1948, in Watervliet, to Miles and Dorothy (Johnson) Rendell. She graduated from Coloma High School and received her diploma in the hospital from Principal Weir after being diagnosed with pneumonia. Cheryl was married to Maurice "Skip" Schinck on Sept. 10, 1966, until his death on Jan. 6, 2017. She worked for Coloma Community Schools as a bus driver, retiring in 2006 after 30 years of service.

Cheryl enjoyed being with her family. Her first priority was her husband and three girls. She never missed a dance class, recital, cheerleading, softball, basketball game or event. She loved watching her grandchildren at all their sporting events. She enjoyed gambling on Wheel of Fortune, shopping at CJ Banks, watching the Lifetime channel and traveling as much as she could, with her favorite animal being a dolphin. She was with her children and grandchildren as they traveled to Spain, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Italy, Florida, California, Ohio and so many more places.

Survivors include her three daughters: Kim (Terry) Derrick, Cynthia (David) LaGrow and Carrie Schinck; a sister, Diane (John) Gunn; two brothers, John (Sue) Rendell and Larry (Marci) Rendell; seven grandchildren: TJ, Brooke, Paige, Caleb, Cameron, Miles and Maurissa; and a great-grandson, Truex. Also surviving are special nieces and nephews, Billy and Krissy Tohtz and Michael and Sherri Ulleg; and her dog, Molly.

## Rae Ann Adams

Aug. 2, 1947 – Jan. 20, 2020

Rae Ann Adams, 72, former area resident died Monday, Jan. 20, 2020, in Roanoke, Va.

Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 26, at Grace Church, 52025 Gumwood Road, Granger, Ind., where friends may visit beginning at 2:30 p.m. and also following the service. Burial will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 27, at Rose Hill Cemetery, Berrien Springs. Memorials may be made to the Disabled Veterans Fund. Online messages and memories may be shared at www.allredfuneralhome.com.

Rae Ann was born Aug. 2, 1947, in Rushford, N.Y., the daughter of Arthur and Shirley (Taylor) Adams. She retired as director of information technology for Ameriwood Industries, Dowagiac. She was a member of Daughters of the Nile; and she loved sports, particularly Notre Dame football, Cubs baseball and NASCAR.

Surviving are her son, Terrence (Heather) Adams of Roanoke; grandchildren: Kyle Adams, Jordan Adams, Zakary Rial, Jake Rial, Rebekah Adams, Abigail Adams and Xander Adams; sister, Donna (Dan) Thompson, and brother, Barry (Tami) Adams, both of Stevensville.

Rae Ann was preceded in death by her parents and her daughter, Jaime Rial.

## Norma Josephine Boyajian

Nov. 13, 1940 – Jan. 22, 2020

Norma Josephine Boyajian, 79, of St. Joseph passed away Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2020, at her home.

A private graveside service will be held at a later date. Memorials may be made to the Berrien County Cancer Society. Those wishing to share a memory of Norma online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Norma was born Nov. 13, 1940, in Highland Park, Mich., to Michael and Alice (Shamlian) Mooradian. She married Ronald Boyajian on June 4, 1961, in Detroit. Norma worked alongside her husband at The Clock Repair Haus in St. Joseph with their sons, Jerry and Eric. She was a member of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors and the American Watchmakers Institute. In her spare time Norma loved to play cards and go out to eat with her friends.

Norma is survived by sons, Jerry Boyajian, Eric (Christine) Boyajian and Adam Boyajian; and sister, Mary Torossian.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and brothers, Jack Moradian, John Moradian and Jerry Mooradian.

## Death notices

**George D. Albers,** 88, of Baroda died Jan. 16, 2020. Hoven Funeral Home, Buchanan, 695-2363.

**Kenneth Earl Arend,** 89, of Sturgis, Mich., died Jan. 19, 2020. Hackman Family Funeral Homes, Rosenberg Chapel, Sturgis, (269) 651-3284.

**Norma J. Boyajian,** 79, of St. Joseph died Jan. 22, 2020 at home. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

**Nancy D. "Susie" Brown,** 76, of Woodstock, Conn., former area resident died Jan. 22, 2020, at Westview Health Care Center, Dayville, Conn. Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, Putnam, Conn., (860) 928-7723.

**Ernest "Ernie B" McCall Sr.,** 81, of Benton Harbor died Jan. 20, 2020, at Hanson Hospice Center, Stevensville. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

**Wanda Saltzman,** 63, of Dowagiac died Jan. 23, 2020. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

**Jerry Vitek,** 89, of Buchanan died Jan. 21, 2020, at home. Hoven Funeral Home, Buchanan, 695-2363.

## Getting it straight

The Herald-Palladium makes every effort to ensure accuracy in its stories. If you think there is an error, please contact the editor of the page on which it occurred. If you are unsure of whom to contact, call Local News Editor Dale Brewer at 429-3797.

There was an error in Wednesday's page A1 story regarding Baroda Township. Clerk Cristina Price voted in favor of repairing a marquee sign, while Trustee David Wolf voted against it.

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## DO YOU REMEMBER?

### 25 years ago – 1995

History was made last night when the first black woman was named to the Niles City Council. Council chambers were filled with friends and family members as longtime community leader Georgia Boggs was named to the council to fill the vacancy created when Mark Crocker resigned two weeks ago. Boggs will serve the reminder of the term which expires in November.

### 35 years ago – 1985

Dorothy McGrath, 61, owner and operator of McGrath's Restaurant, Stevensville, died this morning at her home, following a long illness.

Dorothy and her husband, Thomas McGrath, opened a roadside fruit stand in 1953 which evolved into Dot and Tom's Foot Long Drive-In. In 1970 they opened McGrath's Restaurant at the same location and added the Old Maple Beer Garden in 1975.

### 50 years ago – 1970

As the result of a contract dispute, St. Joseph school bus drivers are refusing to haul the district's athletic teams to out-of-town contests. School authorities are using a local charter service to make the trips.

According to Dennis Percy, the district's business manager, the drivers, through their attorney Roccy DeFrancesco, have filed a grievance questioning the right of the district to use outside carriers after the district chartered an Indiana Motor bus to take the swim team to Culver Military Institute in Culver, Ind., two weeks ago.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

**By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Today is Friday, Jan. 24, the 24th day of 2020. There are 342 days left in the year.

**Highlight in history:**

On Jan. 24, 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill concluded a wartime conference in Casablanca, Morocco.

**On this date:**

In 1848, James W. Marshall discovered a gold nugget at Sutter's Mill in northern California, a discovery that led to the gold rush of '49.

In 1935, beer was first sold in cans in Richmond, Virginia, by the Gottfried Krueger Brewing Co.

In 1939, at least 28,000 people were killed by an earthquake that devastated the city of Chillan in Chile.

In 1945, Associated Press war correspondent Joseph Morton was among a group of captives executed by the Germans at the Mauthausen-Gusen concentration camp in Austria.

In 1965, British statesman Winston Churchill died in London at age 90.

In 1984, Apple Computer began selling its first Macintosh model, which boasted a built-in 9-inch monochrome display, a clock rate of 8 megahertz and 128k of RAM.

In 1985, the space shuttle Discovery was launched from Cape Canaveral on the first secret, all-military shuttle mission.

In 1987, gunmen in Lebanon kidnapped educators Alann Steen, Jesse Turner, Robert Polhill and Mitheleshwar Singh. (All were eventually released.)

## 5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

| Today | Tonight | Saturday | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday |
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| Rain Likely | Rain Likely | Rain & Snow Likely | Cloudy | Cloudy | Cloudy |
| 37° | 29° | 38° / 28° | 35° / 27° | 33° / 25° | 37° / 29° |

### Local Outlook

Today we will see cloudy skies with a 100% chance of rain, high of 37°, humidity of 90%. East wind 8 to 14 mph. Expect cloudy skies tonight with a 90% chance of rain, overnight low of 29°. South southeast wind 2 to 8 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 28°.

### Sun and Moon

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| Sunrise | 8:06 a.m. |
| Sunset | 5:49 p.m. |
| Moonrise | 8:09 a.m. |
| Moonset | 5:38 p.m. |

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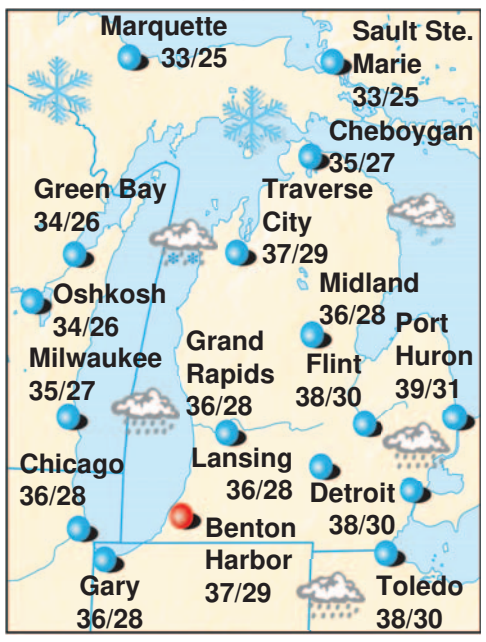
### Regional Map




### Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

**Temperature**

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| High | 36° |
| Low | 1° |
| Normal High | 31° |
| Normal Low | 16° |
| Record High | 51° in 2002 |
| Record Low | -6° in 2014 |

**Precipitation**

| | |
|---|---|
| Yesterday | 0.00" |
| Month to date | 3.51" |
| Normal for month | 1.27" |
| Year to date | 3.51" |
| Normal Year to date | 1.27" |

### Air Quality

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| Yesterday | 47 |
| Main Offender | Particles |

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

**0-50** ..... Good
**51-100** ..... Moderate
**101-150** .... Sensitive
**151-200** .. Unhealthy

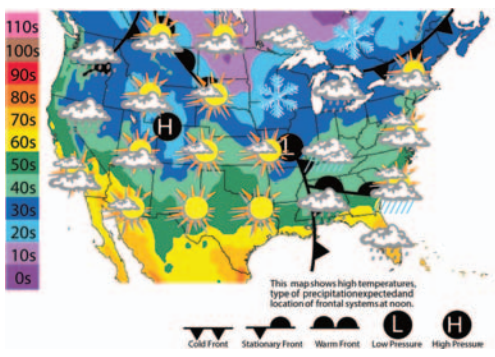
### Weather Trivia

*What is the coldest temperature recorded in the United States?*

**Answer:** In Prospect Creek, Alaska, 80 degrees below zero was recorded on Jan. 23, 1971.

### National Weather Map

Forecast map for Jan. 24, 2020

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### Lake Michigan

Today, E wind 10 to 13 kt. Rain and snow showers. Waves around 1 ft. Water temperature 36 degrees. Tonight, ESE wind 6 to 10 kt. Showers. Waves 1 ft or less.

### Michigan Forecast

**Upper Peninsula**

Today, skies will be cloudy with widespread rain and snow, highs in the 30s. East northeast wind 8 to 19 mph. Expect cloudy skies Saturday with isolated snow, highs in the 30s. East northeast wind 3 to 16 mph.

**Lower Peninsula**

Today, skies will be cloudy with widespread rain, highs in the 30s. East wind 8 to 14 mph. Expect cloudy skies Saturday with widespread rain and snow, highs in the 30s. West northwest wind 2 to 9 mph.

# Chicago police end effort to predict gun offenders, victims

**By KATHLEEN FOODY**
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Chicago police have ended a program that sought to predict people most likely to be victims or perpetrators of gun crime, according to a watchdog report released Thursday that warned the department of serious flaws in the approach.

The police department implemented the method in 2012, using a formula developed by researchers at the Illinois Institute of Technology and backed by $3.8 million in federal grants. Department spokesman Luis Agostini confirmed Thursday that the department decided to end the program after researchers at the nonprofit RAND Corporation reviewed it last year.

The formula created a list of people deemed most likely to commit or be victimized by a shooting. It relied on several factors including age during an individual's latest arrest, the number of times someone was the victim of a shooting, battery or assault and their total number of arrests for unlawful weapons.

Early versions of the formula also used gang affiliation and narcotics arrests to calculate risk scores; the report says those criteria were later removed.

The higher your score, the more likely you were considered to become a victim or perpetrator of gun violence under the "Crime and Victimization Risk Model," previously known as the "Strategic Subject List."

Police departments around the country have been criticized for similar programs aiming to predict where crime will occur and who is likely to commit it, particularly by civil rights advocates who fear the "predictive" policing strategies will prompt unwarranted police attention on minority communities.

In Chicago, the program became an often cited part of a police strategy to combat violence, particularly after a spike in violent crime in 2016 including 773 homicides.

The scores were used by the department's "custom notification" program, which sent police and outreach workers to meet with people deemed to be at risk of becoming a victim or perpetrator of gun violence.

But the scores also appeared in arrest records and were used to identify people for targeted busts. The Chicago Sun-Times reported in 2017 that the list included people who were never charged with a violent crime or illegal gun possession after a lengthy legal battle with the department to obtain a version of the list.

Inspector General Joseph Ferguson's office said the police department provided notice in August that it planned to stop using the program when federal grant money ran out a month later. According to the report, 313,513 individuals had been scored using the model by March.

Ferguson's office's found the program was too dependent on arrest records, making some scores unreliable. For instance, the report said someone arrested for a non-violent misdemeanor would be scored while someone wounded in a shooting but never arrested would not be.

Relying on arrest records also "effectively punished individuals for criminal acts for which they had not been convicted," the report said.

Ferguson's office found the police department failed to train officers and commanders about the meaning of the scores and failed to update the totals between August 2016 and January 2019.

"While these particular risk models have now been decommissioned, there are critically important and widely applicable lessons to learn here about the importance of careful data handling and thoughtful, purpose-driven policies and training, in ongoing and future efforts to harness data that predicts and ultimately prevents violent crime," Ferguson said in a statement.

The researchers, who noted they did not have detailed information about the formula, concluded that the program may be capable of identifying people at higher risk of becoming victims of gun violence. But they noted that the scores quickly get outdated and are time-consuming to keep updated, ill-suited for a police department seeking to use the information to prevent violent crime.

## RATES

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and wires, and adding technology that makes the electric grid powering Southwest Michigan smarter and stronger, according to the release.

As part of the agreement Thursday, I&M will now eliminate its monthly residential service charge of $7.25 for qualifying low-income customers and decrease rates for customers ages 65 and older who use relatively low amounts of electricity.

For example, senior citizens using 250 kWh will see their bill drop 26 percent. Those using 500 kWh will see a reduction of 7 percent.

The agreement also establishes the IM Plugged-In program to expand incentives for electric-car charging beyond houses to apartment buildings and commercial fleet vehicles. The approved plan opens the door for more publicly accessible charging stations at businesses and along Michigan's interstates.

I&M serves about 125,000 customers in Michigan.

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## MARIJUANA

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smoking weed. It makes me feel so fluent. I vibe completely. It's almost like I can hear different things. My senses come alive."

Frisinger said there are dispensaries on practically every corner in Colorado, so when he's traveling for work it's harder to get, but he has a routine.

"We work third shift so we come (to a dispensary), go home, smoke, relax, maybe go eat food and go to bed," Frisinger said.

The co-workers said they believe recreational marijuana use should have been legalized a long time ago.

"I think the movement toward legalization creates hope for a lot of people," Prothero said. "This is something that people don't want to let go. And in their place they have no choice but to be discreet and hide it. It's creating a way for people to come out of their shell and really express themselves as a person. So the fact that it could become legal is like beyond terrific."

The ReLeaf Center opened for medical marijuana sales in late October 2019. It was the first such shop to open in Niles.

The Niles City Commission, also in October, approved the ordinance allowing recreational marijuana facilities.

On Jan. 6 the ReLeaf Center was licensed by the state to sell the drug recreationally.

Medical marijuana facilities were the first facilities allowed to apply for recreational licenses in Michigan.

An employee at the store fielding calls Wednesday afternoon said they had already had about 50 people call that day asking about when the store would be selling recreational marijuana.

"We've had such interest we're putting limits on recreational customers because we don't want to run out too soon," the employee said.

Recreational customers can purchase up to 2.5 ounces in a day, according to Michigan's recreational marijuana law. However, ReLeaf has a two-gram limit in place for now.

In other parts of Southwest Michigan, The Green Door in Bangor got its license from the state on Thursday to sell recreational marijuana, according to the state licensing website.

There is no date yet for when sales will begin there.

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## SHERIFF

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midst of a salary study that could come with recommendations for pay increases to keep Berrien competitive with other counties in Michigan.

The deadline for placing the millage request on the August primary ballot is May 12.

Commissioner Jim Curran, chairman of the administration committee, wants this information to be presented to the full board for consideration.

"This at least gets the conversation started," Curran said.

### Law & Order II

The same committee also received a quarterly report from Chief Public Defender Christopher Renna, his last before he takes a position in Kalamazoo County in March.

Renna told commissioners that there were 1,474 criminal arraignments in the last quarter of 2019. Of those, 1,073 were handled by the public defender's office.

This resulted in 1,264 new files being opened by the public defenders, due to multiple charges in some cases, Renna explained. Among those, 19 involved accusations of criminal sexual contact. The attorneys opened 15 "red files" for cases that carried penalties up to life in prison, with 156 for severe felonies carrying penalties of imprisonment of 10 years or longer.

The office also handled 505 misdemeanor cases during the quarter. That workload will be lessened this year with the introduction of five new attorneys to handle misdemeanors, with the funding coming from the state legislature. The additional attorneys and others will be working from offices on Monamy Drive, lessening the crowding at the main building on Church Street.

Renna said his office is now taking over all misdemeanor cases, and will only be contracting with outside attorneys in cases in which conflicts arise, such as multiple defendants in one trial.

Berrien established one of the first public defender's offices in Michigan in 2017, with Renna hired as chief assistant to lead attorney Carl Macpherson. Renna was appointed to the head position following Macpherson's departure for a job in Oregon.

Prior to the office opening, Berrien, like other counties, had contracted with law firms that provided attorneys to defend those who could not afford to hire a lawyer. The Michigan Indigent Defense Commission determined that this did not provide a fair and adequate defense for the accused.

Renna said Berrien continues to be a model for other counties because of the support its leaders provided in setting up the public defender's office.

Administrator Bill Wolf said they will be accepting applications for Renna's position until Feb. 5, and he and a committee of commissioners and other officials will review resumes the next day to determine which will be interviewed.

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## LOBBYING

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$825, food and beverages above $63 a month or $400 over a six- or seven-month period, and any "gift" – including tickets to events – above $63 in any one month.

Unlike most states, Michigan has no mandatory "cooling off" period before a government official may register as a lobbyist, except when a legislator resigns from office.

The initiative also would prohibit agreements where lobbyists' pay depends on the success or failure of their lobbying, expand who has to register as a lobbyist, require lobbyists and public officials to file monthly detailed reporting of lobbying activities and communications, and mandate additional disclosure about who funds political ads.

Now, lobbyists must report certain spending on food, drinks, lodging and other transactions twice a year – saying which officials were lobbied and when – but they do not have to specify what was discussed. Under the proposal, lobbyists and public would maintain a lobbying log indicating details such as the subject matter and whether the lobbying occurred in a meeting, at a meal or by phone or email.

Scott noted that lobbyists reported spending $5,682 on food and drink in the first seven months of 2019 for a Republican legislator who chairs a key House committee, according to the Michigan Campaign Finance Network, a watchdog group.

"It's time for this type of legal bribery to end," he said.

Scott said he expects other organizations that believe in good government to back the drive, but that he could not publicly identify them yet.

The lobbying initiative was announced three months after Republican legislative leaders talked about a potential plan to ask voters to ease legislative term limits – which might be tied to bills that would require candidates and officeholders to fill out financial disclosures, subject the Legislature and governor's office to public-records requests, and institute a waiting period to become lobbyists. A proposal has not materialized.

Three other 2020 ballot measures were launched previously – two to restrict abortion and one to prohibit discrimination against LGBT people.

# hp SPORTS

**49ers reach Super Bowl by handing off the ball**

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# Tigers eyeing Triple-A Toledo for top prospects

**By NOAH TRISTER**
AP Baseball Writer

DETROIT — It could be another long season for the Detroit Tigers, but fans in the Motor City may not have to look far for signs of hope.

Look about 60 miles down Interstate 75.

"We've got some pretty good ones going to Triple-A Toledo," Tigers manager Ron Gardenhire said. "They ought to be pretty happy down there. They're going to see some pretty good pitchers."

Gardenhire and general manager Al Avila indicated Thursday that some of Detroit's top prospects will likely spend time at Toledo this season. The Tigers are hoping to improve after losing 114 games in 2019, but they're also leery of rushing young players too quickly.

Avila was asked about right-handers Casey Mize and Matt Manning, two of the game's top 20 prospects according to Baseball America. Although Avila didn't say anything certain about the organization's plans, it does not sound like those two will be joining the Tigers right away in the big leagues.

"I think it would be our preference for them to start in Toledo – have a great year, have good years in Toledo," Avila said. "Hopefully we have a good start, and hopefully some of our young players do well, and hopefully at some point during the season, we can bring them up."

Detroit has five players among Baseball America's top 100 prospects: Mize, Manning, left-hander Tarik Skubal, outfielder Riley Greene and third baseman Isaac Paredes. None of them have appeared above Double-A, but Paredes is on the 40-man roster, and Mize, Manning and Skubal are non-roster invitees to major league spring training.

The Tigers are holding their annual winter caravan this week, and Avila, Gardenhire and several players talked to reporters at Comerica Park. Detroit made a few additions this offseason, signing catcher Austin Romine, first baseman C.J. Cron and second baseman Jonathan Schoop. Gardenhire is looking forward to a little more competition for playing time.

"We want to start putting a good team on the field, and we want these kids to continue to develop, so it's a dicey little thing to do," Gardenhire said. "You can sit there and say, 'Well, you're going to play because you're a young kid coming up, and you're still learning.' ... That's good and fine, but you still have to go out there and play. You have to get it done. You have to start getting it done."

Another big topic at the ballpark Thursday was the Houston Astros' sign-stealing scandal. Mike Fiers,

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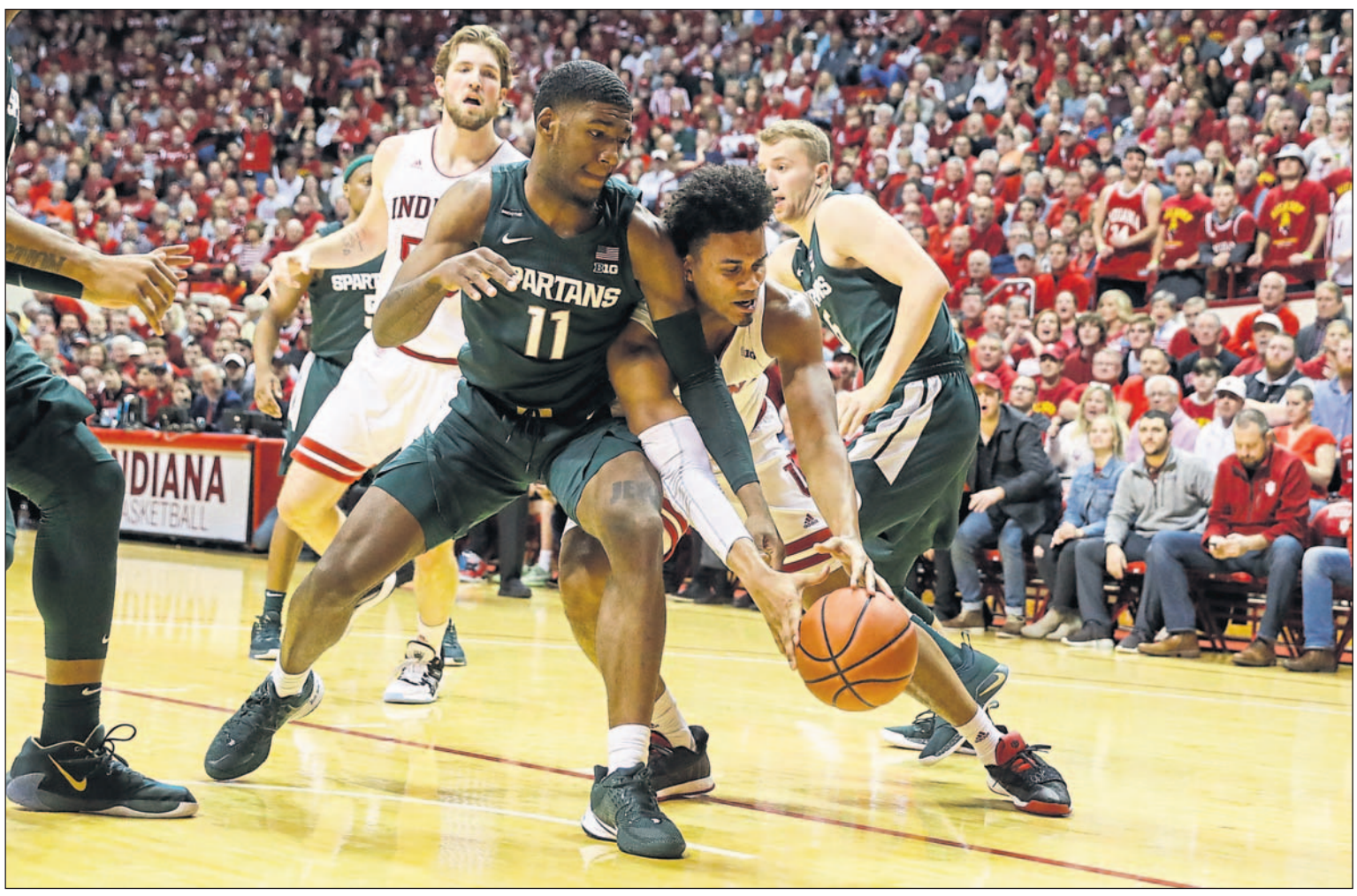
# Another loss to Indiana



Darron Cummings / AP

Michigan State forward Aaron Henry (11) and Indiana forward Justin Smith (3) go for a loose ball in the first half of Thursday's game.

Darron Cummings / AP

Indiana forward Race Thompson (25) blocks the shot of Michigan State forward Malik Hall (25) in the first half of Thursday's game.

## Indiana uses late charge to beat No. 11 Michigan State

**By MICHAEL MAROT**
Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Joey Brunk scored 14 points, including a key layup with 1 minute left to play, and Jerome Hunter made two late free throws Thursday night to close out Indiana's 67-63 victory over No. 11 Michigan State.

Indiana 67 Michigan St. 63

The Hoosiers (15-4, 5-3 Big Ten) have won two straight and four of their last five. It was coach Archie Miller's 50th win since taking the job three seasons ago.

Cassius Winston had 13 of his 17 points in the second half to lead the Spartans (14-5, 6-2), who lost their third straight in the series.

Michigan State had a chance to force overtime after forcing a turnover, calling timeout and sending Winston through the lane. He flipped the ball to Xavier Tillman for a layup, but the ball rolled off the rim and Hunter grabbed the rebound.

His free throws sealed the win.

The Hoosiers needed everything they had to earn this one after blowing a seven-point halftime lead.

Michigan State rallied by making its first six 3-point attempts in the second half and finally took a 51-48 lead on Rocket Watts' 3 with 11:05 to go.

It remained a one-possession game the rest of the way.

But Aljami Durham finally gave

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## Kopech healthy, ready to pitch for White Sox

**By LA MOND POPE**
Chicago Tribune (TNS)

CHICAGO — Michael Kopech noticed a different energy recently while playing catch with White Sox teammates Ryan Burr, Zack Burdi and Yasmani Grandal.

"It was that camaraderie, but more so the underlying competitiveness in all of us," Kopech said Wednesday. "It felt like a different energy. We were all pulling in the same direction, which is kind of a glimpse to us (of) what the future is going to look like.

"Not to look too far ahead, but we all are pulling in the same direction, not that that wasn't the case before. We're all starting to get that taste, so to speak."

Kopech, the No. 2 prospect in the organization, is eager to do his part for the revamped Sox after missing all of 2019 while recovering from Tommy John surgery on his right elbow. He could be in the mix to contribute to a pitching staff that added starters Dallas Keuchel and Gio Gonzalez in the offseason.

"Physically, I feel great," Kopech said. "Better than I probably have felt my entire baseball career since I was drafted. Mentally, I'm in a place that I think is stable and confident and prepared.

"Beforehand, I did as much as I could physically to go into spring

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## Lions' Hank Fraley was a 'grinder' as a player, ready to 'grind' as new OL coach

**By DAVE BIRKETT**
Detroit Free Press (TNS)

DETROIT — He knows his players and they know him. He'll teach the same techniques he has since he got in this business eight years ago. And the long hours he put in last year? Those won't be any different this fall, either.

The biggest change, Hank Fraley figures, now that he has been promoted from offensive line assistant to offensive line coach is he'll have to get up in front of his room and run the position meeting every day.

"It's just like when I was at UCLA or anywhere else, you get in a flow of things and how to do things, and that's what it is," Fraley said. "I just got to get used to doing that routine."

Fraley made his debut as Detroit Lions offensive line coach at the Senior Bowl this week and he said he felt back at home on the field.

He worked with North team linemen such as Michigan's Ben Bredeson and Houston's Josh Jones, a potential first-round pick, and he did so with is former boss, Jeff

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# Woods opens with 69 at Torrey North to start new year

**By DOUG FERGUSON**
AP Golf Writer

SAN DIEGO — Tiger Woods had his lowest opening round of the year since 2011. It wasn't enough to be among the leaders Thursday at the Farmers Insurance Open, but it was fine with him.

Coming off his record-tying 82nd victory in his last PGA Tour start three months ago in Japan, Woods handled the par 5s on the easier North Course at Torrey Pines and limited mistakes for a 3-under 69.

Sebastian Cappelen and Keegan Bradley had the low scores of the opening round, which was not the same as sharing the lead. Cappelen had eight birdies for a 66 on the South Course, which played about three shots tougher than the North, where Bradley shot his 66.

Rory McIlroy, who played in the group in front of Woods, was among those at 67. Jon Rahm, playing alongside Woods, was in the large group at 68.

Denis Poroy / AP

Tiger Woods hits out of the bunker on the 11th hole of the North Course at Torrey Pines during Thursday's first round of the Farmers Insurance Open.

Woods hasn't broken 70 in his first round of the year since a 69 on the North at Torrey in 2011. His health, his game and even his momentum are in much better shape now. His game wasn't all that far off.

"It was nice to kind of keep the round going a little bit," Woods said. "Overall, pleased to shoot something in the 60s today."

It took a little time to get going. He left himself in a bad shot right of the green on the par-5 10th to start his round and failed to make birdie. His flop shot from 50 yards short of the green on the next hole came up short and into a bunker, leading to a bogey. He was even par at the turn on a course where lower scores are expected.

Even so, there was little drama. The best views were of the still waters of the Pacific below on a magnificent day. The biggest roars, as usual, belonged to the Navy jets above.

Woods kept it simple, with a nifty wedge to short range on his 10th hole, a two-putt birdie from 18 feet on the par-5 fifth and an easy up-and-down for birdie on the final hole.

"I could probably, maybe could have gotten one or two more out of my round today," Woods said. "But overall, I felt like it was a good start, especially going into the South Course. I don't know what the guys did on the South Course in relation to the North,

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## IN BRIEF

### MSU women rocked at home by Northwestern

EAST LANSING (AP) — Lindsey Pulliam and Veronica Burton scored 22 points apiece, and No. 22 Northwestern beat Michigan State 76-48 on Thursday night for its fifth straight victory.

Northwestern (17-2, 7-1 Big Ten), ranked in the AP Top 25 poll for the first time since 2016, are undefeated at home this season at 8-0. The Wildcats forced 24 turnovers, converting those into 35 points, and scored 20 more points than Michigan State in the paint.

Moira Joiner scored 17 points, with five 3-pointers, for Michigan State (11-8, 4-4), which shot just 35 percent.

### Big Ten suspends Illinois' Griffin

ROSEMONT, Ill. (AP) — The Big Ten suspended Illinois guard Alan Griffin two games Thursday for stepping on Purdue's Sasha Stefanovic.

Griffin was called for a flagrant foul 2 and ejected with 12:21 left in the first half Tuesday at Purdue when he stomped on Stefanovic's midsection after the guard drove for a layup and drew a crescendo of boos. No. 21 Illinois went on to win 79-62.

Griffin, averaging 8.4 points, will miss games against Michigan on Saturday and Minnesota on Jan. 30. He apologized Wednesday to Stefanovic and Purdue as well as Illinois and its fans on social media.

## AIRWAVES

### Television today

**11:30 a.m.** (Golf) **LPGA Tour Golf** Gainbridge at Boca Rio, Second Round. (Live) CC
**3:00 p.m.** (Golf) **PGA Tour Golf** Farmers Insurance Open, Second Round. (Live) CC
**5:00 p.m.** (NBCSports) **Figure Skating** U.S. Figure Skating Championships. Rhythm Dance. (Live)
**7:00 p.m.** (Bigten) **College Wrestling** Penn State at Nebraska. (Live) CC
(FoxDetroit) **NBA Basketball** Memphis Grizzlies at Detroit Pistons. (Live)
(FS1) **College Basketball** Wisconsin at Purdue. (Live) CC
**7:30 p.m.** (ESPN2) **Women's College Gymnastics** LSU at Florida. (Live)
**8:00 p.m.** (5) (8) (16) **Figure Skating** U.S. Championships: Senior Ladies Free Skate. (Live)
(ESPN) **NBA Basketball** Los Angeles Clippers at Miami Heat. (Live)
(NBCSCH) **NBA Basketball** Sacramento Kings at Chicago Bulls. (Live)
(NBCSports) **2020 NHL Skills Competition** The NHL's most-skilled players will face off in the annual skills competition. (Live)
**8:30 p.m.** (26) **High School Basketball** Goose Creek at James Island. (Live)
**9:00 p.m.** (Bigten) **College Wrestling** Ohio State at Iowa. (Live) CC
(ESPN2) **2020 Australian Open Tennis** Third Round. (Live) CC
(FS1) **College Basketball** Marquette at Butler. (Live) CC
**10:35 p.m.** (ESPN) **X Games** (Live)
**3:00 a.m.** (ESPN2) **2020 Australian Open Tennis** Third Round. (Live) CC
**3:30 a.m.** (Golf) **European PGA Tour Golf** Omega Dubai Desert Classic, Third Round. (Live)

### Saturday

**9:00 a.m.** (ESPN2) **2020 Australian Open Tennis** Third Round. (Same-day Tape) CC
**9:30 a.m.** (FS1) **Bundesliga Soccer** Eintracht Frankfurt vs RB Leipzig. (Live) CC
**10:00 a.m.** (NBCSports) **Premiership Rugby** Bristol Rugby vs Gloucester Rugby. (Live)
**12:00 p.m.** (Bigten) **Women's College Basketball** Nebraska at Wisconsin. (Live) CC
(ESPN) **College Basketball** Missouri at West Virginia. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Miami at North Carolina. (Live)
(FS1) **College Basketball** Illinois at Michigan. (Live) CC
(NBCSports) **College Basketball** VCU at La Salle. (Live)
**1:00 p.m.** (2) (3) (22) **College Basketball** Villanova at Providence. (Live) CC
(13) (41) (57) **Winter X Games** Aspen. (Live) CC
(Golf) **PGA Tour Golf** Farmers Insurance Open, Third Round. (Live) CC
**1:30 p.m.** (5) (8) (16) **IMSA Weathertech Sportscar Championship** Rolex 24 at Daytona. (Live)
(7) **Winter X Games** Aspen. (Joined in Progress) CC
**2:00 p.m.** (Bigten) **College Basketball** Nebraska at Rutgers. (Live) CC
(ESPN) **College Basketball** LSU at Texas. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Mississippi State at Oklahoma. (Live)
(FoxDetroit) **College Basketball** Clemson at Louisville. (Live)
(FS1) **College Basketball** St. John's at DePaul. St. John's visits DePaul. (Live) CC
(NBCSCH) **College Basketball** Bradley at Indiana State. (Live)
(NBCSports) **IMSA Weathertech Sportscar Championship** Rolex 24 at Daytona. (Live)
**2:30 p.m.** (5) (8) (16) **Figure Skating** U.S. Championships: Pairs Free & Senior Men's Short Program. (Live)
**3:00 p.m.** (2) (3) (22) **PGA Tour Golf** Farmers Insurance Open, Third Round. (Live) CC
(Golf) **LPGA Tour Golf** Gainbridge at Boca Rio, Third Round. (Live) CC
**4:00 p.m.** (Bigten) **Women's College Gymnastics** Iowa at Penn State. (Live) CC
(ESPN) **College Basketball** Tennessee at Kansas. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** TCU at Arkansas. (Live)
(FoxDetroit) **College Basketball** NC State at Georgia Tech. (Live)
**4:30 p.m.** (5) (8) (16) **Horse Racing** Pegasus World Cup Invitational. (Live)
**6:00 p.m.** (Bigten) **College Hockey** Penn State at Michigan State. (Live) CC
(ESPN) **College Basketball** Kentucky at Texas Tech. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Kansas State at Alabama. (Live)
(NBCSports) **Track and Field** Indoor Grand Prix - Boston. (Live)
**7:00 p.m.** (FoxDetroit) **NBA Basketball** Brooklyn Nets at Detroit Pistons. (Live)
**8:00 p.m.** (5) (8) (16) **2020 NHL All-Star Game** The biggest and brightest stars in the NHL compete at the Enterprise Center in St. Louis. (Live)
(ESPN) **College Basketball** Baylor at Florida. (Live)
(NBCSCH) **NBA Basketball** Chicago Bulls at Cleveland Cavaliers. (Live)
(NBCSports) **Figure Skating** U.S. Figure Skating Championships. (Live)
**8:30 p.m.** (7) (13) (41) (57) **NBA Basketball** Los Angeles Lakers at Philadelphia 76ers. (Live) CC
(Bigten) **College Hockey** Ohio State at Minnesota. (Live) CC
**9:00 p.m.** (ESPN2) **2020 Australian Open Tennis** Round of 16. (Live) CC
(FS1) **College Basketball** Washington at Colorado. (Live) CC
(Showtime) **Boxing** Danny Garcia vs. Ivan Redkach. (Live) CC
**10:00 p.m.** (ESPN) **X Games** Aspen 2020. From Aspen, Colo. (Live)
**11:00 p.m.** (NBCSports) **IMSA Weathertech Sportscar Championship** Rolex 24 at Daytona. (Live)
**3:00 a.m.** (ESPN2) **2020 Australian Open Tennis** Round of 16. (Live) CC
**3:30 a.m.** (Golf) **European PGA Tour Golf** Omega Dubai Desert Classic, Final Round. (Live

### Radio today

**5:45 p.m.**
**High school basketball** — Niles at Lakeshore doubleheader (WSJM-AM, 1400; WSJM-FM, 106.1)
**7:15 p.m.** — Allegan at South Haven (WCSY-FM, 103.7)

### Saturday

**Noon**
**College basketball** — Illinois at Michigan (WSJM-AM, 1400; WSJM-FM, 106.1)

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# Garoppolo gets 49ers to Super Bowl with handoffs not throws

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**San Francisco 49ers quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo stretches during practice at the team's facility in Santa Clara, Calif., on Thursday.**

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Maybe it was fitting that Jimmy Garoppolo did his best Bob Griese impersonation in the victory that sent the San Francisco 49ers to Griese's old stomping grounds in Miami for the Super Bowl.

Perhaps no quarterback since the former Dolphins Hall of Famer had ever done less in the game that led his team to the Super Bowl than Garoppolo did last Sunday when he threw only eight passes in a 37-20 victory over Green Bay.

That's led to some predictable skepticism about whether Garoppolo should get credit for leading the Niners to the Super Bowl or if he's just along for the ride.

"That's wild that he takes criticism for that," left tackle Joe Staley said Thursday. "We won the game. We were doing what we needed to do to win the game and that's the main point of an NFL football game. I think he would be pretty sad if he threw 450 and we lost, so it doesn't really matter."

Garoppolo acknowledged he hears the criticism that he didn't do much to get San Francisco this far and uses it as motivation, even if he's much quieter about it than teammate Richard Sherman, who seems to seek out doubters as fuel.

"I do the same thing," Garoppolo said. "I hear all the stuff and everything, but you can't put that all out there all the time. You have to do with it what you will and take it for what it is. Just at the end of the day you've got to go out there and play football."

Garoppolo completed six passes for 77 yards last week. It was the fewest pass attempts by a team in the playoffs since Griese's Dolphins threw six times in the AFC title game against Oakland following the 1973 season and then only seven times in a Super Bowl win over Minnesota two weeks later.

The only other time a team threw eight or fewer passes in a playoff game came in the 1971 AFC championship when Griese had eight attempts in a victory over Baltimore.

The run-heavy script that seems out of place in the modern pass-happy era has been especially glaring ever since Garoppolo made one of his few mistakes in the postseason.

He threw an interception late in the first half of the divisional round against Minnesota for his 19th turnover of the season, more than any other player who made the postseason.

Since that point, he has gone 9 for 14 for 103 yards and one sack in six-plus quarters as the Niners have run the ball on 73 of 88 offensive plays.

In fact, Garoppolo has been asked to kneel down to run out the clock in that span more times (five) than he has completed a pass that traveled past the line of scrimmage (four).

"That's just how this world works and you'll get credit if you win a Super Bowl or an NFL MVP or something like that," coach Kyle Shanahan said. "We ran the ball (the last two weeks), so a lot of people are going to say that Jimmy didn't do enough. There's lots of games this year that we haven't been able to run the ball and we've had to win it by passing. That's what I'm proud of with Jimmy and proud of our team, that you can't really say that we have to win a game a certain way. I think we've shown that we can win a number of ways."

One reason Garoppolo has been asked to do so little as the Niners have spent the past month playing from ahead. They haven't trailed a game since a comeback 34-31 win in Week 16 against the Los Angeles Rams.

They have been tied or led for the past 186:14 of game action, allowing Shanahan to lean more heavily on his defense and running game rather than counting on Garoppolo to deliver the big plays.

The strategy has worked as San Francisco has 89 carries for 471 yards in playoff wins over Minnesota and Green Bay, although Garoppolo might have to do more to keep up with Patrick Mahomes and the high-powered Kansas City Chiefs in the Super Bowl.

Garoppolo has shown the ability to do that this season, leading four fourth-quarter comebacks and ranking tied for second in the league with three games of at least four TD passes in the regular season.

The biggest success he had came in a 48-46 win at New Orleans in December when he rallied the Niners back from a 13-point first-half deficit and then engineered the game-winning field goal drive in the final minute of regulation.

# Zion's exceptional debut provides Pelicans hope

**By BRETT MARTEL**
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Zion Williamson's sublime 17-point surge in a span of barely more than three minutes could very well become part of New Orleans' pro sports lore – even if the final score won't.

For the Pelicans, a narrow loss to a well-coached, savvy San Antonio Spurs team carried far less weight than the burgeoning form of a young superstar in the making.

"The way he came out was very poised," veteran Pelicans guard Jrue Holiday said of Williamson. "The way he played ... bringing energy, especially down the stretch, was something that I guess you don't really see from somebody so young. But even on top of that, we are almost in February and he hadn't played a game yet, so for him to be able to come out here and do that his first game is pretty elite."

Extraordinary hype, fueled by social media, has followed the affable, 6-foot-6, 285-pound Williamson since his high school days in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

It only increased during his one stellar season at Duke, making him the consensus No. 1 overall NBA draft pick well before the Pelicans won the draft lottery and the right to select him.

Pro basketball fans had to wait an extra three months to see how Williamson's rare combination of size and skill would translate in an meaningful NBA game because of the cautious and comprehensive approach the Pelicans took to their prized rookie's rehabilitation from arthroscopic surgery on his right knee.

But it took only one game for Williamson to do something extraordinary.

He made all four 3s he attempted in the fourth quarter Wednesday, stirring the Smoothie King Center crowd into a jubilant frenzy. In between, he laid in an alley-oop lob and put back an offensive rebound with a reverse layup.

"It was nice to experience those emotions," Williamson said. "I was happy to be out there and be able to run out there again, but what was going through my mind was just, 'Be calm.'"

Williamson's final statistical line was 22 points on 8-of-11 shooting to go with seven rebounds and three assists in 18:08 on the court.

"The way he plays, that's something he can do every day," Holiday said. "Adding Zion is a big part to what we want to do here and our success."

Fans wanted to see more, but coach Alvin Gentry said he couldn't heed their chants of "We want Zion!," during the final five minutes of a 121-117 loss.

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# High school scoreboard

## BOYS SWIMMING

**MATTAWAN/KALAMAZOO HACKETT 102, BRIDGMAN 83**

Bridgman first-place finishers: 200 medley relay – Cody Schimmel, Parker Roach, Grant Rose, Alex Tellez; 200 freestyle – John Plisow; Diving – Matt Pisarky; 500 freestyle – Plisow; 100 butterfly – Rose; 100 Breaststroke – Roach.

## WRESTLING

**ST. JOSEPH 60, PORTAGE CENTRAL 24**

103 – Nolan Wertanen p. Zachary Koenig (PC) 0:23; 112 – Blake Paige p. Collin Staneart 2:14; 119 – Jack Sherman p. TJ Whitley-Pitts 0:21; 125 – Rinehart (SJ) Clayton Bacon 0:48; 130 – Jacob Halsey (PC) p. Joseph Keiser 1:16; 135 – Gabe Soler (SJ) p. Tysen Moser 1:01; 140 – Yazan Farhan (SJ) p. Ahmad Jamal 2:23; 145 – Ben Betita (SJ) p. Caleb Brown 3:33; 152 – Logan Stuckhardt (PC) p. James Behrman 1:18; 160 – Brandon Jones (SJ) p. Logan Stuckhardt 0:49; 171 – Matthew Morris (SJ) p. Hunter Phillips 1:07; 189 – Drake Collins (SJ) p. Myron Bell 1:15; 215 – Connor Warner (PC) p. Joey Sicurello 1:55; Ethan Boot (PC) p. Joshua Nicholson 2:12.

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

**BUCHANAN 56, BERRIEN SPRINGS 23**

**BUCHANAN (56)**
Faith Carson 8 2-2 18, Emma Lozmack 3 4-4 12, Claire Lietz 5 1-2 11, Alea Fisher 1 2-2 4, Claire Shelton 2 0-0 4, Hailey Jonatzke 1 0-0 3, Serynn Nowlin 1 0-0 2, Brooke Atkinson 1 0-0 2. Totals: 22 9-10 56.
**BERRIEN SPRINGS (23)**
Taneya Shivers 3 1-2 9, Zoe Dortch 3 3-6 6, Eddie Nu'Ja 1 2-3 4, Hillary Dortch 1 0-0 2, Maggie Griffiths 1 0-2 2. Totals: 9 3-10 23.

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| **Buchanan** | **14** | **12** | **15** | **15** | **– 56** |
| **Berrien Springs** | **4** | **9** | **3** | **6** | **– 23** |

3-point goals – Buchanan 3 (Lozmack 2, Lietz), Berrien Springs 2 (Shivers 2). Total fouls – Buchanan 15, Berrien Springs 10. Fouled out – None. Technical fouls – None. Records – Buchanan 4-1 BCS Red, 7-3; Berrien Springs 2-3 BCS Red, 4-8.

**MICHIGAN LUTHERAN 58, LAWRENCE 17**

**MICHIGAN LUTHERAN (58)**
Rebekah Hisle 7 5-6 19, Mara Rugen 7 2-2 17, Jailey Conrad 4 0-0 8, Jessi Jewell 2 0-0 4, Abby Harris 2 0-2 4, Alexia Tobias 2 0-0 4, Claire Berghaus 1 0-0 2. Totals: 25 7-10 58.
**LAWRENCE (17)**
Kaylee Stroud 3 1-1 8, Catalina Mancera 2 0-0 4, Peyton Murney 1 0-0 3, Erika Gonzalez 0 2-2 2. Totals: 6 3-3 17.

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| **Lutheran** | **26** | **14** | **12** | **6** | **– 58** |
| **Lawrence** | **5** | **4** | **3** | **5** | **– 17** |

3-point goals – Michigan Lutheran 1 (Rugen), Lawrence 2 (Murney, Stroud). Total fouls – Michigan Lutheran 9, Lawrence 8. Fouled out – Lawrence (Gonzalez). Records – Michigan Lutheran 8-0 BCS White, 10-0; Lawrence 3-5 BCS White, 3-9.

# SCOREBOARD

## BOWLING

**KELLEY'S BOWL**
EMIL SCHRAMM MEMORIAL – Dave Steele 737 (267), Dave Knuth 727 (268), Chris Valley 724, Billy Hendrixson 718 (257), Neil Vitale 714 (277), Dennis Weatherman 713 (279), James Mummaw 706 (300), Jason Utter 674, Matt Hendrixson 673, Justin Wade 670 (254). Team scores: B+L Rentals 3304, Sandbar 3257 (1172).
WED. MORN. FUN LEAGUE – Sharon Geisler 453, Mary Kelley 428, Faye Higgins 425, Annette Garrison 413, Donna Bender 411. Team scores: Happy Hookers 1201, The Hasbeens (430).
WEDNESDAY MORNING MIXED – Dae Dae Coleman 665 (276), Scott Harrison 663, Justin Wade 638, Loasha Price 492 (179), Kim Keith 469, Sonya Jackson 460. Team scores: 4 Of A Kind 2219, Dogg Pound (783).
WHIRLPOOL UNITED MEN'S – Jasen Stoll 746 (268), Russ Jones 635 (238), Don Burch 617 (267), Ric Oney 615 (267), Mike Vanderploeg 583 (268). Team: Just Hammered 2814 (1018), Gutter Minds 2650 (893), Hi Chargers 2645 (937).
**COLOMA LANES**
THURS. IND. – Nate Doroh 740 (279), Dave Pitcher 723 (268), Kylee Punches 682 (253), Kim LoPresti 664 (246), Mike Ball 659 (225), Jerry Price 657 (251), Tom LoPresti 656 (233), Arica Angelo 648 (256), Dave Scheuer 642 (244), Bill Tusin 640 (277).
**LAKESHORE LANES**
LAKESHORE LADIES – Melissa Ulter 672 (255), Sue Holland 570, Laura Bishop 568 (207), Connie Koth 544, Amy Rochefort 543, Stephanie Zdanis 541. Team scores: Bowling B's 2144, Warren Woods Cleaning (732).

## HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

**MichiganGrappler.com rankings**
**TOP 10 INDIVIDUALS**
**(Area wrestlers only)**
**Division 2**
103 – 1. Mike Robles (Niles), 2. Nolan Wertanen (St. Joseph).
112 – 4. Jamison Zimmerman (Niles), 6. Cam Litaker (Lakeshore).
119 – 8. Aaron Lucio (Lakeshore).
125 – 4. Jake Halsey (St. Joseph).
130 – 5. Micah Hanau (Lakeshore).
135 – 2. Shane Williams (Lakeshore); 9. Ryan Franco (Niles).
140 – 6. Javond Ball (Niles), 10. Jackson Hoover (Edwardsburg).
145 – 6. Kade Wagley (Niles), 10. Jacob Reece (Edwardsburg).
215 – 9. Zeke Rohl (Lakeshore).
**Division 3**
103 – 8. Jordan Simpson (Dowagiac).
112 – 7. Caeleb Ishmael (Coloma).
130 – 10. Jackson Kanniainen (Paw Paw).
135 – 10. Jason Rocz (Paw Paw).
140 – 5. Hunter Heath (Brandywine).
285 – 4. Wyatt Bailey (Dowagiac).
**Division 4**
135 – 9. Romeo Lopez (Decatur).
140 – 4. Landyn VanWyk (Lawton).
160 – 10. Andrew O'Donnell (Lawton).
171 – 2. Jared Checkley (Decatur).

**TOP 10 TEAMS**
Division 1 – 1. Detroit Catholic, 2. Davison, 3. Brighton, 4. Hartland, 5. Temperance Bedford, 6. Holt, 7. Rockford, 8, Battle Creek Lakeview, 9. Clarkston, 10. Westland John Glenn.
Division 2 – 1. Lowell, 2. Gaylord, 3. Whitehall, 4. DeWitt, 5. Eaton Rapids, 6. Warren Woods Tower, **7. Lakeshore**, 8. Muskegon Reeths-Puffer, **9. Niles**, 10. Jackson Northwest.
Division 3 – 1. Dundee, 2. Richmond, 3. Alma, 4. Chippewa Hills, 5. Lakewood, 6. Montrose, 7. Fremont, 8. Birch Run, 9. Yale, 10. Shepherd.
Division 4 – 1. Clinton, 2. New Lothrop, 3. Hudson, 4. Manchester, 5. Carson City, 6. Hart, 7. Pine River, 8. Mendon, 9. Leslie, 10. Springport.

## AREA SCHEDULE

**Today**
**Boys basketball**
Niles at Lakeshore, 7
St. Joseph at Portage Central, 7
Brandywine at Parchment, 7
Comstock at Bridgman, 7:15
Three Rivers at Dowagiac, 7:15
Allegan at South Haven, 7:15
Berrien Springs at Buchanan, 7:30
Lawrence at Michigan Lutheran, 7:30
Watervliet at Coloma, 7:30
River Valley at New Buffalo, 7:30
**Girls basketball**
Parchment at Brandywine, 5:30
St. Joseph at Portage Central, 5:45
Allegan at South Haven, 5:45
Niles at Lakeshore, 5:45
Three Rivers at Dowagiac, 5:45
New Buffalo at River Valley, 6
Watervliet at Coloma, 6
**Hockey**
Lakeshore-St. Joseph vs. South Bend St. Joseph (Ice Box, South Bend), 6:45
**Saturday**
**Boys basketball**
Watervliet at Hartford, 6
Detroit Prep Ball Classic at Voyageur Prep
Benton Harbor vs. Detroit Douglass, 4
**Girls basketball**
Watervliet at Hartford, 4:30
**Wrestling**
Berrien Springs at Bronson Inv., 9
River Valley, Brandywine at Quincy Inv., 9:30
Decatur at Saline Inv., 9
**Boys swimming**
South Haven at Allegan Inv.
**Competitive cheer**
Berrien Springs at Grand Blanc Inv., 2
Coloma at Delton Inv., 9:30
Lake Michigan Catholic, South Haven at Otsego Inv., TBA
**Bowling**
Brandywine at Niles (Joey Armadillo's), 11
**College basketball**
Kalamazoo Valley CC at LMC women, 1
Kalamazoo Valley CC at LMC men, 3

## HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

**Thursday's boys socres**
Alpena 58, Bay City John Glenn 50
Bessemer Gogebic 51, L'Anse 40
Britton-Deerfield 58, Clinton 39
Cedarville 75, Engadine 63
Chassell 68, Ewen-Trout Creek 59
Cheboygan 60, St. Ignace LaSalle 55
Clinton Township Clintondale 50, Marysville 48
Community Academy, Pa. 46, Renaissance 36
Dearborn Advanced Technology 67, Canton Prep 24
Eastpointe East Detroit 70, Madison Heights 53
Escanaba 71, Houghton 67
Frankfort 62, Benzie Central 43
Hanover-Horton 60, Michigan Center 41
Hazel Park 61, Clawson 58
Hurley, Wis. 61, Wakefield-Marenisco Gogebic 58
Indian River-Inland Lakes 69, Fife Lake Forest Area 56
Iron Mountain 81, Manistique 41
Johannesburg-Lewiston 66, Onaway 59
Lake Linden-Hubbell 77, Baraga 52
Leland 59, Onekama 49
Lincoln-Alcona 37, Hillman 31
Macomb Dakota 60, Clinton Township Chippewa Valley 48
Macomb L'Anse Creuse North 56, Sterling Heights Stevenson 54
Madison Heights Lamphere 68, St. Clair Shores Lakeview 51
Mancelona 93, Central Lake 60
Manchester 59, Addison 49
Maple City Glen Lake 77, Buckley 41
Michigan Math and Science 52, Hope of Detroit 49
Mio-Au Sable 68, Fairview 33
Napoleon 83, East Jackson 51
Negaunee 78, Gladstone 61
New Haven 59, Grosse Pointe North 54
Norway 71, Florence, Wis. 49
Ontonagon 61, Painesdale Jeffers 48
Oscoda 67, Posen 37
Pellston 60, Bellaire 53
Petersburg Summerfield 46, Adrian Madison 30
Pickford 62, Rudyard 50
Port Huron Northern 51, Sterling Heights 47
Rapid River 81, Bark River-Harris 65
Redford Union 65, Redford Thurston 58
Rogers City 49, Gaylord St. Mary 36
Roseville 53, Utica Eisenhower 38
St. Clair 50, Fraser 34
St. Clair Shores South Lake 64, Warren Woods Tower 59
Suttons Bay 67, Kingsley 41
Traverse City West 47, Cadillac 46
Utica 39, Fair Haven-Anchor Bay 38, 3OT
Warren Lincoln 70, Port Huron 43
West Iron County 36, Crystal Falls Forest Park 26
West Michigan Aviation 63, Barry County Christian School 21
Whittemore-Prescott 67, AuGres-Sims 39
Wolverine 66, Burt Lake Northern Michigan Christian Academy 23
**Thursday's girls scores**
Adrian Lenawee Christian 51, Dexter 43
Allen Park 49, Dearborn Edsel Ford 22
Athens 45, Battle Creek St. Philip 19
Bath 40, Saranac 28
Beaverton 40, Shepherd 31
Bellevue 33, Tekonsha 12
Berkley 47, Ferndale 21
Blanchard Montabella 49, Ashley 27
Blissfield 53, Dundee 48
Breckenridge 60, Coleman 54
Brooklyn Columbia Central 52, Onsted 40
Buchanan 56, Berrien Springs 23
Byron 61, Montrose 27
Carleton Airport 46, Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central 35
Caro 46, Reese 37
Clare 43, Gladwin 38
Clarkston 46, Royal Oak 42
Dearborn Heights Star International 49, Detroit Cesar Chavez 23
Detroit Cass Tech 63, Detroit East English 11
Detroit Cody 73, Detroit Central 14
Detroit Collegiate Prep 34, Detroit Ford 15
Detroit Denby 68, Detriot Davis 15
Detroit Pershing 48, Detriot International 12
Farwell 44, Meridian 32
Florence, Wis. 63, Waterford 24
Genesee 61, Mayville 35
Grosse Ile 46, Monroe Jefferson 29
Harrison 69, Pinconning 63
Hart 56, Oakridge High School 27
Hillsdale 49, Hudson 34
Hillsdale Academy 45, Litchfield 35
Houghton Lake 54, Leroy Pine River 51
Ida 67, Erie-Mason 55
Jackson Christian 61, Burr Oak 28
Laingsburg 54, Fulton-Middleton 27
Lake Orion 42, Oxford 30
Mackinaw City 48, Harbor Light Christian 19
Manistee Catholic Central 36, Brethren 35
Marion 31, Bear Lake 14
McBain Northern Michigan Christian 53, Beal City 26
Merrill 47, Vestaburg 34
New Lothrop 59, Durand 54, OT
Pentwater 55, Cadillac Heritage Christian 18
Pittsford 41, Colon 38
Ravenna 42, Montague 40
Rochester 55, Pontiac 23
Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest 66, Austin Catholic 15
Sandusky 54, Marlette 30
St. Clair Shores Lakeview 64, Fair Haven-Anchor Bay 55, OT
Unionville-Sebewaing 52, Elkton-Pigeon Bay Port Laker 33
Walkerville 44, Mason County Eastern 41
West Bloomfield 62, Bloomfield Hills 37
Whitehall 50, Shelby 48
Wolverine 56, Burt Lake Northern Michigan Christian Academy 24
Zion Christian 41, Wyoming Tri-unity Christian 36

## NBA

**Wednesday's Games**
Oklahoma City 120, Orlando 114
Toronto 107, Phila. 95
Detroit 127, Sacramento 106
Atlanta 102, L.A. Clippers 95
L.A. Lakers 100, New York 92
Boston 119, Memphis 95
Miami 134, Washington 129, OT
Houston 121, Denver 105
Chicago 117, Minnesota 110
Indiana 112, Phoenix 87
San Antonio 121, New Orleans 117
Utah 129, Golden State 96
**Thursday's Games**
Washington 124, Cleveland 112
L.A. Lakers 128, Brooklyn 113
Dallas at Portland
**Today's Games**
Milwaukee at Charlotte, 3 p.m.
Boston at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Memphis at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Toronto at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Denver at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Houston at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Miami, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Indiana at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
**Saturday's Games**
Dallas at Utah, 5 p.m.
Brooklyn at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Cleveland, 8 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Phila., 8:30 p.m.

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

**BIG TEN CONFERENCE**

| | Conference | | | All Games | | |
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| | W | L | Pct | W | L | Pct |
| Illinois | 6 | 2 | .750 | 14 | 5 | .737 |
| Michigan St. | 6 | 2 | .750 | 14 | 5 | .737 |
| Maryland | 5 | 3 | .625 | 15 | 4 | .789 |
| Iowa | 5 | 3 | .625 | 14 | 5 | .737 |
| Rutgers | 5 | 3 | .625 | 14 | 5 | .737 |
| Wisconsin | 5 | 3 | .625 | 12 | 7 | .632 |
| Indiana | 4 | 3 | .571 | 14 | 4 | .778 |
| Minnesota | 5 | 4 | .556 | 11 | 8 | .556 |
| Penn St. | 4 | 4 | .500 | 14 | 5 | .737 |
| Purdue | 3 | 5 | .375 | 10 | 9 | .526 |
| Michigan | 2 | 5 | .286 | 11 | 7 | .611 |
| Ohio St. | 2 | 6 | .250 | 12 | 7 | .632 |
| Nebraska | 2 | 6 | .250 | 7 | 12 | .368 |
| Northwestern | 1 | 7 | .125 | 6 | 12 | .333 |

**Wednesday's Games**
Penn St. 72, Michigan 63
Iowa 85, Rutgers 80
**Thursday's Games**
Minnesota 62, Ohio St. 59
Indiana 67, Michigan St. 63
**Today's Game**
Wisconsin at Purdue, 7 p.m.
**Saturday's Games**
Illinois at Michigan, Noon
Nebraska at Rutgers, 2 p.m.

**INDIANA 67, NO. 11 MICHIGAN ST. 63**

**MICHIGAN ST. (14-5)**
Tillman 3-6 3-4 9, Winston 5-11 4-6 17, Henry 5-11 0-0 12, Brown 4-6 0-0 10, Hall 1-2 0-0 2, Watts 1-3 2-2 5, Bingham 2-6 0-0 5, Kithier 1-2 1-2 3, Loyer 0-2 0-0 0, Marble 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 22-49 10-14 63.
**INDIANA (15-4)**
Smith 1-4 4-5 6, Jackson-Davis 5-12 2-6 12, Brunk 7-12 0-0 14, Phinisee 3-8 1-2 8, Durham 4-9 1-2 11, Franklin 2-4 1-1 6, Green 1-5 0-0 2, Thompson 2-2 0-0 4, Davis 1-1 0-2 2, Hunter 0-0 2-2 2. Totals 26-57 11-20 67.
Halftime—Indiana 37-30. 3-Point Goals—Michigan St. 9-21 (Winston 3-6, Brown 2-3, Henry 2-4, Bingham 1-2, Watts 1-3, Tillman 0-1, Loyer 0-2), Indiana 4-12 (Durham 2-3, Franklin 1-2, Phinisee 1-4, Green 0-3). Rebounds—Michigan St. 29 (Tillman 10), Indiana 27 (Brunk 6). Assists—Michigan St. 13 (Tillman, Winston 5), Indiana 12 (Phinisee 4). Total Fouls—Michigan St. 17, Indiana 15. A—17,222 (17,222).

## TENNIS

**Australian Open Results**
**Thursday's Results**
**Melbourne, Australia**
**Surface: Hardcourt outdoor**
**Men's Singles**
**Second Round**
Daniil Medvedev (4), Russia, def. Pedro Martinez, Spain, 7-5, 6-1, 6-3.
Ernests Gulbis, Latvia, def. Aljaz Bedene, Slovenia, 7-5, 6-3, 6-2.
Dominic Thiem (5), Austria, def. Alex Bolt, Australia, 6-2, 5-7, 6-7 (5), 6-1, 6-2.
Alexander Zverev (7), Germany, def. Egor Gerasimov, Belarus, 7-6 (5), 6-4, 7-5.
Alexei Popyrin, Australia, def. Jaume Munar, Spain, 6-2, 7-6 (5), 6-2.
Andrey Rublev (17), Russia, def. Yuichi Sugita, Japan, 6-2, 6-3, 7-6 (5).
Gael Monfils (10), France, def. Ivo Karlovic, Croatia, 4-6, 7-6 (8), 6-4, 7-5.
John Isner (19), United States, def. Alejandro Tabilo, Chile, 6-4, 6-3, 6-3.
Fernando Verdasco, Spain, def. Nikoloz Basilashvili (26), Georgia, 4-6, 7-6 (5), 6-4, 6-4.
Pablo Carreno Busta (27), Spain, def. Peter Gojowczyk, Germany, 6-4, 6-1, 1-6, 6-4.
David Goffin (11), Belgium, def. Pierre-Hugues Herbert, France, 6-1, 6-4, 4-6, 1-6, 6-3.
Nick Kyrgios (23), Australia, def. Gilles Simon, France, 6-2, 6-4, 4-6, 7-5.
Taylor Fritz (29), United States, def. Kevin Anderson, South Africa, 4-6, 6-7 (5), 7-6 (4), 6-2, 6-2.
Stan Wawrinka (15), Switzerland, def. Andreas Seppi, Italy, 4-6, 7-5, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4.
Karen Khachanov (16), Russia, def. Mikael Ymer, Sweden, 6-2, 2-6, 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 (8).
Rafael Nadal (1), Spain, def. Federico Delbonis, Argentina, 6-3, 7-6 (4), 6-1.
**Women's Singles**
**Second Round**
Donna Vekic (19), Croatia, def. Alize Cornet, France, 6-4, 6-2.
Belinda Bencic (6), Switzerland, def. Jelena Ostapenko, Latvia, 7-5, 7-5.
Garbine Muguruza, Spain, def. Ajla Tomljanovic, Australia, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.
Karolina Pliskova (2), Czech Republic, def. Laura Siegemund, Germany, 6-3, 6-3.
Zarina Diyas, Kazakhstan, def. Anna Blinkova, Russia, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.
CiCi Bellis, United States, def. Karolina Muchova (20), Czech Republic, 6-4, 6-4.
Angelique Kerber (17), Germany, def. Priscilla Hon, Australia, 6-3, 6-2.
Elise Mertens (16), Belgium, def. Heather Watson, Britain, 6-3, 6-0.
Kiki Bertens (9), Netherlands, def. Arina Rodionova, Australia, 6-3, 7-5.
Anett Kontaveit (28), Estonia, def. Sara Sorribes Tormo, Spain, 6-2, 4-6, 6-1.
Iga Swiatek, Poland, def. Carla Suarez Navarro, Spain, 6-3, 7-5.
Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (30), Russia, def. Taylor Townsend, United States, 7-5, 7-6 (1).
Camila Giorgi, Italy, def. Svetlana Kuznetsova, Russia, 6-3, 6-1.
Simona Halep (4), Romania, def. Harriet Dart, Britain, 6-2, 6-4.
Yulia Putintseva, Kazakhstan, def. Danielle Collins (26), United States, 6-4, 2-6, 7-5.
Elina Svitolina (5), Ukraine, def. Lauren Davis, United States, 6-2, 7-6 (6).

# TIGERS

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the former Houston pitcher who went public about the scheme, played for the Tigers in 2018, immediately after leaving the Astros. Fiers told The Athletic he warned teammates with Detroit to have their guard up when facing Houston – and that was confirmed Thursday.

"He didn't really say what they were doing, but he just said, 'Make sure you guys have multiple sign sets and you can switch it up on the go. Just be careful with these guys,'" pitcher Jordan Zimmermann said.

Baseball's investigation found the Astros used a video feed from center field to see the opposing catcher's signs. Players banged on a trash can to signal batters what kind of pitch was coming.

Three managers have lost their jobs amid the fallout – Houston's A.J. Hinch, Boston's Alex Cora and the New York Mets' Carlos Beltrán. Cora was Houston's bench coach in 2017, and Beltrán played for the Astros. Major League Baseball also is investigating whether the Red Sox stole signs.

Zimmermann said he wasn't sure if more teams might be engaging in this sort of sign stealing.

"Fiers must have knew something when he came here, because he just said, 'Make sure you switch up the signs quite often,'" Zimmermann said. "Boston was another team that we did the same thing. Hopefully that puts an end to all the stuff."

Gardenhire was asked if he had any ideas for how to prevent it.

"Yeah," he joked. "Don't put trash cans around the dugout."

# KOPECH

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and do as much as I could on the mound. Now I feel like I've taken what I've learned from this past year and tried to apply it. I feel physically I can compete still, and mentally I'm going to be able to withstand whatever is going to come my way."

Kopech met with reporters after receiving a haircut as part of the Kopech's Big Kut sweepstakes, which raised $20,000 for Ronald McDonald House Charities and Chicago White Sox Charities.

"It's much bigger than me," Kopech said of the event. "I just want to make a contribution to something that has a purpose."

Kopech also addressed his timetable and whether he'll have any rust after the long layoff.

"I got to pitch in a couple of games toward the end of the season last year in the instructional league, and really getting to compete there was that taste I was looking for," he said. "And hopefully this spring we'll shake off any rust that I might have and I'll get my chance to at least be in the conversation."

Kopech anticipates a cautious, unrushed approach to his return.

"I assume that's what everyone is thinking," he said, "and I'd be lying if I said I wasn't probably thinking the same thing. But I'm still going to give myself that chance if it presents itself."

Kopech could hit 100 mph with his fastball before the surgery. He said he still can, but he's also making adjustments.

"I don't know if I'm going to necessarily be that type of power pitcher again in my career," Kopech said. "I'm going to be a little bit smarter and cautious about how I pitch. That being said, velocity will always be a part of my game."

When that will be fully on display remains to be seen.

"My plan is to be competitive in the spring and give my team a chance to win, and hopefully that's giving myself the best chance I can," Kopech said. "But for what the team has in store for me, I really don't know those answers. I'm just going to do my best when I get there."

# WOODS

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but I felt like the golf course was certainly gettable today."

Bubba Watson had a 67 on the South, while three other players broke 70 on the South, which hosted the U.S. Open in 2008 and gets another U.S. Open next year.

Woods has won this event seven times, not including his 2008 U.S. Open title or the Junior World when he was a teenager. At stake this week is a chance to set the PGA Tour career victories record with No. 83 on the first course where his father took him to watch a PGA Tour event.

Rahm, who got married in Spain before Christmas and has another wedding in San Diego next month for his bride's American family and friends, was 4 under through eight holes until he stalled.

Along for the ride was Collin Morikawa, who wasn't even born when Woods made his pro debut. The 22-year-old Morikawa shot 70.

"I had to tell to tell myself to just focus on golf after that first hole because I could just focus on Tiger and watch him the entire day and realize I forgot how to play golf," Morikawa said. "And that's what I'm out here to do, I'm out here to win. It's really cool to play with him finally and to get a round in with him because crowds are different.

"There's just nothing like it. You can't describe it."

McIlroy, who has never won in his first event of the year, can return to No. 1 in the world for the first time in more than four years by winning.

He also handled the par 5s by making birdie on all of them, along with adding three birdies.

McIlroy has a new driver in play, which didn't feel right to him during the pro-am. He spent Wednesday afternoon making some adjustments and seemed to be on track.

"It's funny, you go through that testing process at the start of the year with new equipment. There's things that seem really good on the range, but once you actually play some rounds with them competitively and try to hit certain shots, things sort of appear," McIlroy said. "We seemed to have fixed it."

Cappelen, a rookie from Denmark, was doing his own thing away from the crowd, narrowly dodging the fog that rolled in late in the afternoon, and he was doing it well.

"I never really put me in a terrible spot where I couldn't make par," he said.

# FRALEY

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Davidson, by his side in what amounted to a senior advisor role.

Davidson stepped down as Lions offensive line coach earlier this month, but coached with the team in Mobile to fulfill his contract.

"I've been around the guy for a while," Davidson said of Fraley, his assistant for two years in Detroit and two years with the Minnesota Vikings. "I have a lot of respect for him. It's the reason I've had him around me quite a bit and I know he'll do a great job."

Fraley said he's fortunate to return a veteran offensive line in left tackle Taylor Decker, center Frank Ragnow, right tackle Rick Wagner and left guard Joe Dahl that should ease his transition, though the Lions are expected to let right guard Graham Glasgow walk in free agency.

With player leadership not an issue, Fraley said his plan this year is "to go out there and coach and give my best effort to these guys.

"It's a fun environment to get down in that room," said Fraley, who spent three seasons as an offensive line coach in college at UCLA, San Diego and San Jose State in between stops in the NFL. "When they're back in the building there's a good vibe to it, and that's what we love to do as coaches is coach. We have to do all the computer work, all the film work, but to be able to coach them and put hands on and stuff, being around those guys, that's what it's really all about. We really enjoy that."

The Lions will be in the market for an offensive lineman in the draft, perhaps to replace Glasgow, arguably the team's most consistent blocker over the last four years.

If Glasgow leaves, Fraley said his four sons will be without one of their favorite Fortnite foes, and the Lions will miss Glasgow's professionalism.

"Right now, that's between Graham, his agent and our front office there," Fraley said. "It's a business in here and I don't ever get in those guys' business when it comes to that stuff."

As for his own business, Fraley said he's fortunate to have Davidson to lean on for advice, including the most important piece he's got so far: Be yourself.

"Going to keep grinding," Fraley said. "I was a grinder as a player and I want to grind as a coach and try to become great at this. And I got a long ways from that to become great, but I'm going to work towards it."

Beyond mid-round draft options and the possible return of free-agent backups Kenny Wiggins and Oday Aboushi, the Lions have one in-house candidate to replace Glasgow: Beau Benzschawel.

An undrafted rookie out of Wisconsin, Benzschawel played six special teams snaps this season but did not see any time on offense. He played primarily center on the scout team, but was a four-year starter at guard in college.

Fraley said Benzschawel made a favorable impression and has "a great chance to come in and contribute and be a great Detroit Lion."

"Is that a starter? Is that a backup?" Fraley said. "Time will tell this year, but he's a fun one to work with. The two young guys that I had this year, rookies, Matt Nelson and him, they were fun to work with cause they were eager to work as soon as practice started and wanted to stay after. They're hungry for football and they enjoy it. They're a good group."

# SPARTANS

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Indiana what it needed – a 3 with 1:52 left – to break a 60-60 tie. Brunk's layup made it 65-62.

## BIG PICTURE

**Michigan State:** Trips to Indiana just haven't been kind to the Spartans lately. On Jan. 12, they were routed at Purdue. This time, they got beat in the closing minutes. Clearly, Michigan State performed closer to expectations than it did at Purdue. But another slow start cost them another game. They will return to Indiana for the conference tournament in March.

**Indiana:** It doesn't seem that long ago that the Hoosiers struggled to make shots. But they've figured out how to limit the 3s and take advantage of their size and athleticism inside, and it's made a huge difference. If Indiana's offense stays in sync this weekend, they just might crack the Top 25 for the first time.

## STAT PACK

**Michigan State:** Aaron Henry had 12 points, while Gabe Brown had 10 points and four 3s. Xavier Tillman finished with nine points and 10 rebounds. ... The Spartans had 13 turnovers, but only gave up six points off those turnovers. ... Michigan State started the game by missing its first nine 3s. It wound up 9 of 21 from beyond the arc.

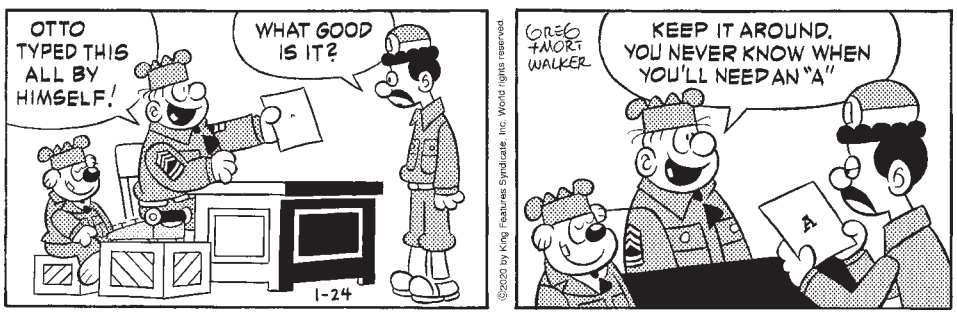
**Indiana:** Trayce Jackson-Davis had 12 points and four rebounds, while Durham finished with 11 points and four 3s. ... Race Thompson had four points, two blocks and two steals before leaving the game late in the first half after a hard foul. He sat on the bench the entire second half. ... Nine of the 10 Hoosiers who appeared in the first half scored. Only Jerome Hunter, who logged four minutes, was shut out. ... NBA star Victor Oladipo attended the game. The two-time All-Star is expected to make his season debut with the Indiana Pacers on Wednesday.

## UP NEXT

**Michigan State**: plays two of its next three on the road, including Sunday's stop at Minnesota.

**Indiana:** hosts another ranked opponent, No. 17 Maryland, on Sunday.

## BEETLE BAILEY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WHAT GOOD IS IT?
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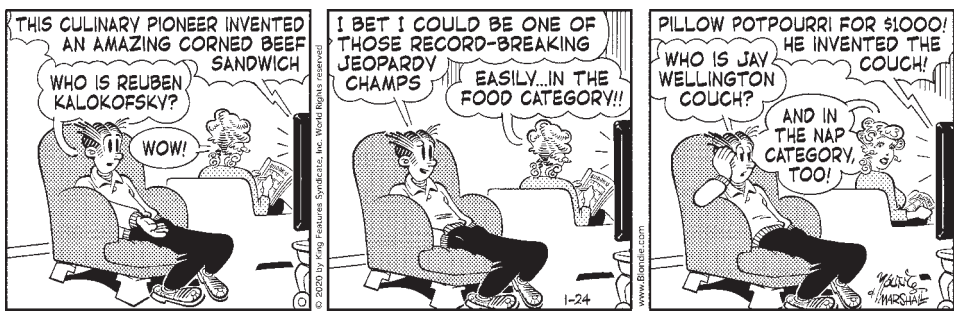
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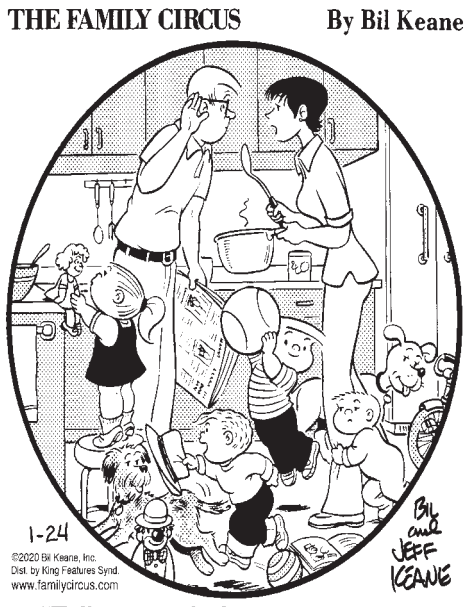


"Tell me again how many rooms we have in this house."

## DENNIS THE MENACE

"DOES RUFF KNOW ANY TRICKS?" "HE CAN MAKE FOOD DISAPPEAR!"

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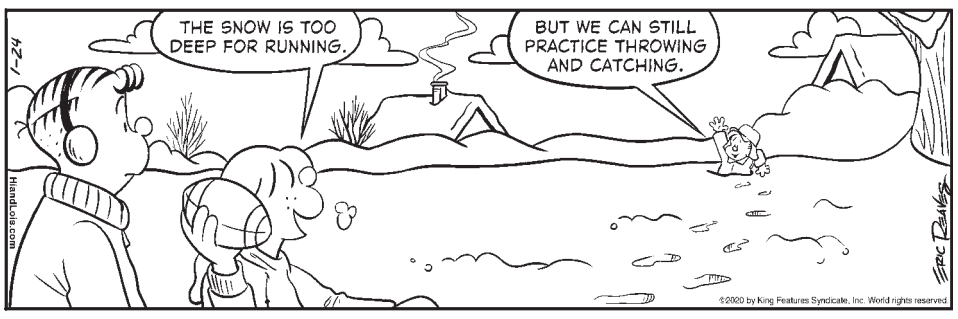
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THE SNOW IS TOO DEEP FOR RUNNING.
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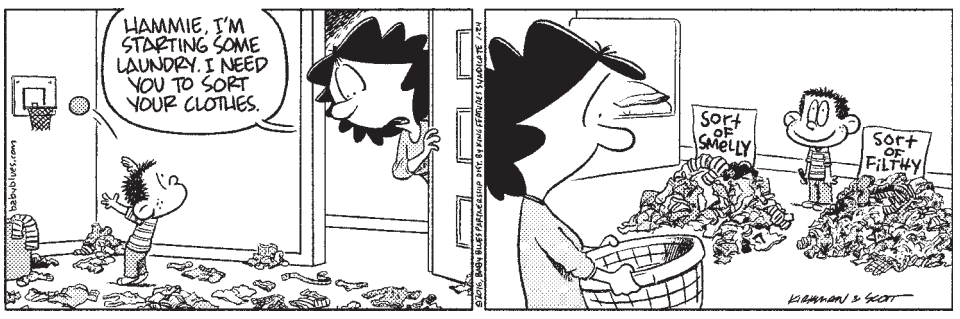
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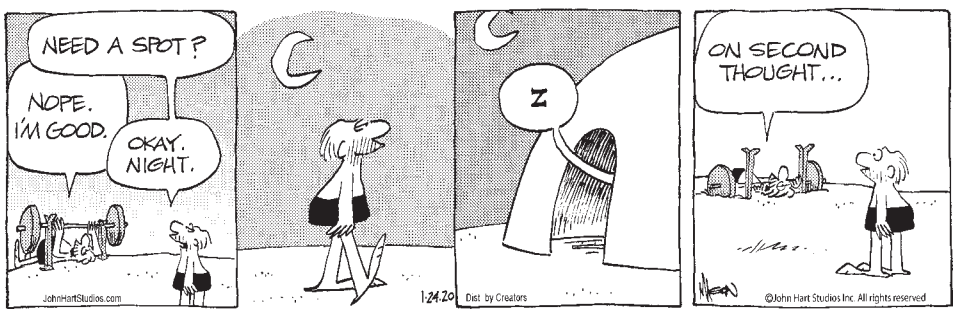


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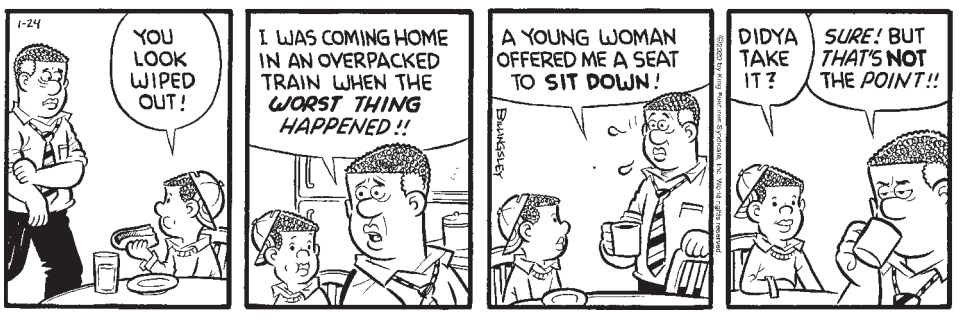
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I WAS COMING HOME IN AN OVERPACKED TRAIN WHEN THE WORST THING HAPPENED!!
A YOUNG WOMAN OFFERED ME A SEAT TO SIT DOWN!
DIDYA TAKE IT?
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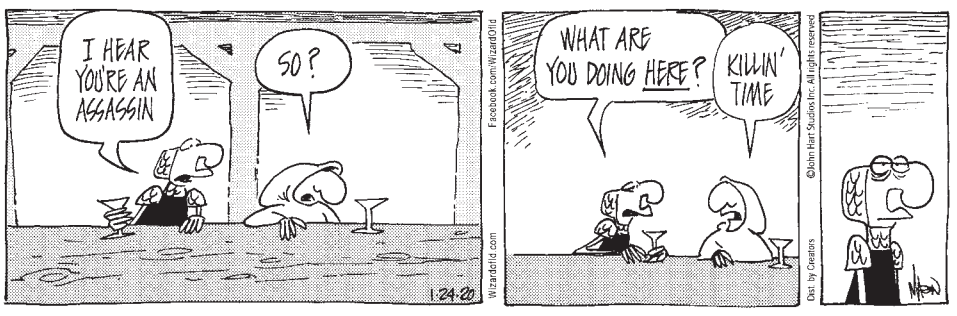


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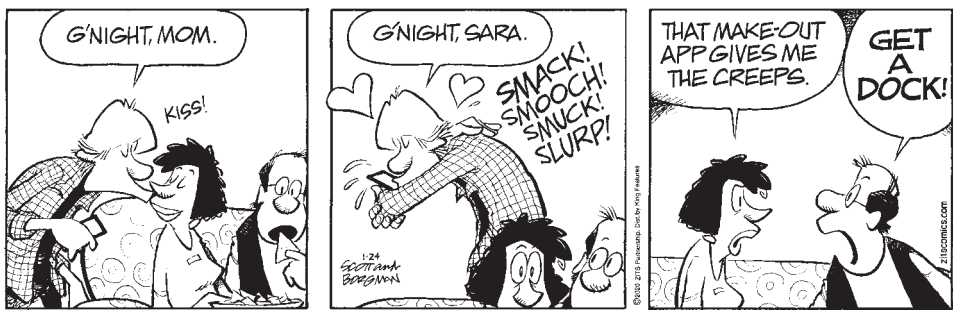


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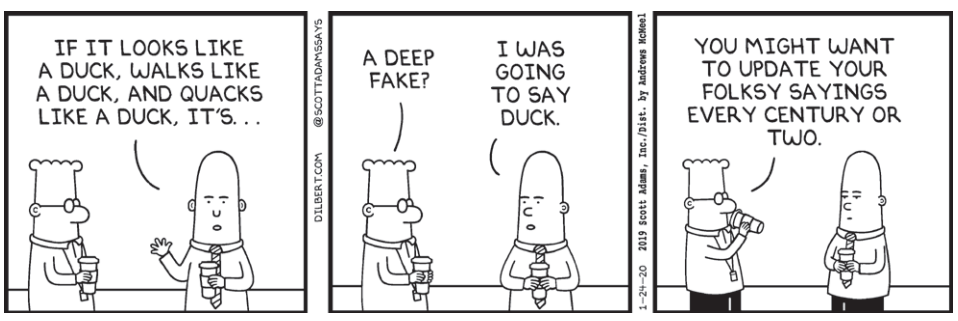
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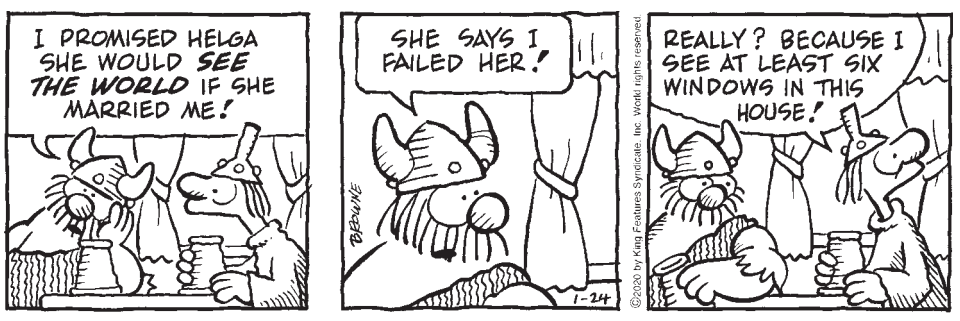
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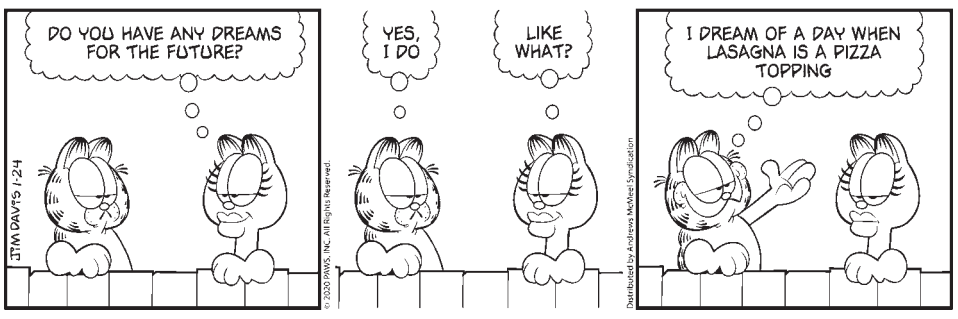
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YES, I DO
LIKE WHAT?
I DREAM OF A DAY WHEN LASAGNA IS A PIZZA TOPPING
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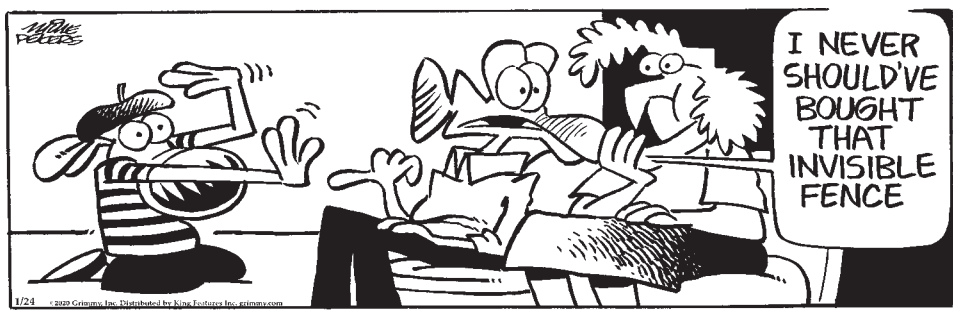


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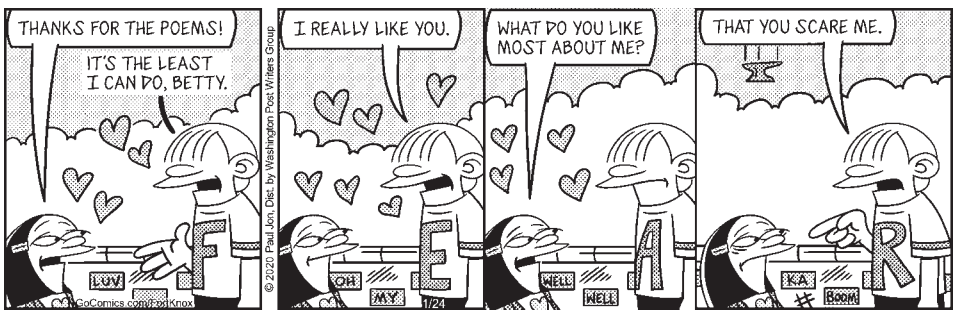


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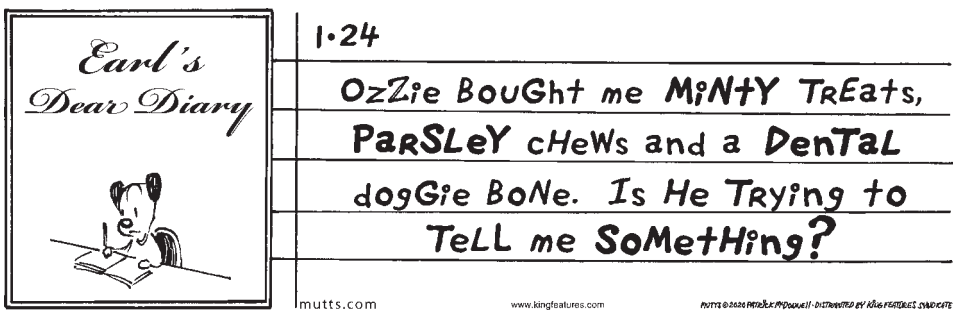
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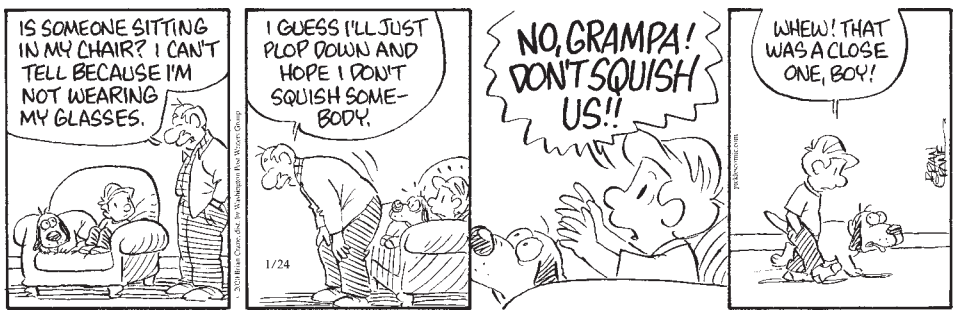
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I GUESS I'LL JUST PLOP DOWN AND HOPE I DON'T SQUISH SOMEBODY.
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NO, GRAMPA! DON'T SQUISH US!!
WHEW! THAT WAS A CLOSE ONE, BOY!
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## SALLY FORTH

AT THE YOGA CENTER...
SORRY I'M LATE FOR CLASS!
YOU'RE FINE. DID YOU JUST COME FROM ANOTHER WORKOUT?
WHAT? NO. FROM HOME.
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OH...DID YOU RUN FROM THERE? THE LONG WAY?
LISTEN, HOPEFUL QUESTION—DOES FIRST DAY OF YOGA CLASS FOCUS ON LYING PRONE ON ONE'S MAT, SLEEPING?
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| NBC 5 8 16 | Ac. Hollywood | Figure Skating U.S. Championships: Senior Ladies Free Skate. From Greensboro, N.C. (N) (L) | | | | | |
| FOX 17 22 28 32 | Modern Family | WWE Friday Night SmackDown (N) (L) CC | | | | Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC | |
| PBS 34 | Overheard | Washing-ton Week | Fir-ing-Hoover | Country Music "I Can't Stop Loving You (1953-1963)" The age of rockabilly. | | | |
| CW 25 | Big Bang Theory | Charmed "Curse Words" (N) CC | | Dynasty (N) CC | | News | Seinfeld CC |
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| WCIU 26 | Mike & Molly | Charmed "Curse Words" (N) CC | | Dynasty (N) CC | | 2 Broke Girls | 2 Broke Girls |
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| WGN 9 | News | black-ish | black-ish | Last Man Standing | Last Man Standing | WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC | |
| A&E | 5:00 Live PD CC | :06 Live PD: Rewind (N) CC | | Live PD "Live PD -- 01.24.20" (N) (L) CC | | | |
| AMC | Jack Giant | ★★★ I Am Legend ('07, Science Fiction) Will Smith, Alice Braga. CC | | | | ★★ Safe House ('12) CC | |
| Animal | Tanked | :01 Tanked: Sea-Lebrity Edition (N) CC | | | | :01 Tanked | |
| BET | 6:00 New Jack City ('91) | | | T. Perry's The Oval | | Tyler Perry's Sistas | |
| Big Ten | College Wrestling | | | College Wrestling Ohio State at Iowa. (N) | | | |
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| Cartoon | Gumball | American | American | Burgers | Burgers | Fam. Guy | Fam. Guy |
| Cinemax | 6:20 ★★ Tag | :05 ★★ Night School ('18, Comedy) Kevin Hart, Tiffany Haddish. (P). CC | | | | Strike Back CC | |
| CMT | Guardian | ★★★ Speed ('94, Action) Keanu Reeves. CC | | | | | Guardian |
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| DIY | Barnwood | Holmes & Holmes | | Holmes & Holmes | | Holmes & Holmes | |
| E! | 6:30 Step Up | | | ★★★ Wedding Crashers ('05) Owen Wilson. | | | |
| ESPN | NBA | NBA Basketball Los Angeles Clippers at Miami Heat. | | | | | X Games |
| ESPN2 | Women's College Gymnastics | | | 2020 Australian Open Tennis Third Round. | | | |
| ESPNC | 6:00 NBA | College Football | | | | College Football | |
| Food | Diners | Diners | Diners | Diners | Diners | Diners | Diners |
| Fox News | The Story | Tucker Carlson | | Hannity (N) CC | | The Ingraham Angle | |
| Fox Sports | NBA Basketball: Grizzlies at Pistons | | | | Pistons Live (N) | | Big East |
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| Golf | Central | PGA Tour Golf Farmers Insurance Open, Second Round. CC | | | | | |
| Hallmark | Love, Fall & Order | One Winter Weekend ('18, Romance) Taylor Cole, Jack Turner. CC | | | | Write Before Christmas ('19) CC | |
| HBO | :15 The Outsider | :15 ★★ The Nun ('18, Horror) Demián Bichir, Taissa Farmiga. CC | | | | Real Time With Bill Maher (N) CC | |
| History | Aliens | Ancient Aliens: Declassified Human hieroglyphs and secrets. (N) | | | | | |
| HGTV | Dream | Dream | Dream | Lottery Dream Home | | Dream | Dream |
| Learning | 90 Day | Dr. Pimple Popper | | Feet-Killing Me | | My 600-Lb. Life (N) | |
| Lifetime | :00 Hopelessly in Love Larry Birkhead and Anna Nicole Smith. | | | Hopelessly in Love A pop star and a football player. (N) CC | | | |
| MSNBC | Hardball | All In With | | Rachel Maddow | | The Last Word | |
| MTV | Twilight Saga: Breaking 2 | | | Grammy Celebration | | Ridic. | Ridic. |
| NBCSCH | Bulls | NBA Basketball Sacramento Kings at Chicago Bulls. | | | | | Postgame |
| NFL | NFL Total | Skills Show. | | NFL Football Teams TBA. CC | | | |
| Nick | Maze | All That | Sponge. | Friends | Friends CC | | Friends |
| NGEO | Lockup | Lockup: Long Island | | To Catch a Smuggler | | To Catch a Smuggler | |
| Oxygen | Dateline: Secrets | Dateline: Secrets Uncovered (N) CC | | The Piketon Family Murders A family of eight is murdered. CC | | | |
| Parmt | ★ Grown Ups ('10, Comedy) Adam Sandler. CC | | | | | ★ Grown Ups | |
| Showtime | :00 ★★ Five Feet Apart ('19) Haley Lu Richardson. CC | | | ★★ On the Basis of Sex ('18, Biography) Felicity Jones, Armie Hammer. CC | | | |
| Starz | :16 ★★★ Rocky Balboa ('06) Sylvester Stallone. CC | | | Power "It's All Your Fault" CC | | :01 ★★★ Rising Sun ('93) CC | |
| STZENC | :11 ★★★ Adventureland ('09) Jesse Eisenberg. CC | | | ★★ Baby Mama ('08) Tina Fey, Amy Poehler. CC | | | Lethal Weapon |
| SyFy | :00 ★ R.I.P.D. ('13) Jeff Bridges, Ryan Reynolds. CC | | | ★ G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra ('09) Channing Tatum, Dennis Quaid. CC (DVS) | | | |
| TBS | :00 ★★ The Legend of Tarzan ('16) Alexander Skarsgard. CC (DVS) | | | | ★★★ Hellboy II: The Golden Army ('08) Ron Perlman. | | |
| TCM | Boys' Night Out | ★ The Wrath of God ('72, Western) Robert Mitchum, Rita Hayworth. CC | | | | ★★★ Farewell, My Lovely ('75) | |
| TMC | 6:15 Faster | ★ The Happytime Murders ('18) Melissa McCarthy. | | | :35 ★★★ Confessions of a Dangerous Mind ('02) CC | | |
| TNT | :00 Bones | ★★★ Avengers: Age of Ultron ('15) Robert Downey Jr. | | | | | |
| Travel | Kindred | Kindred Spirits (N) | | Kindred Spirits (N) | | Ghost Loop (N) | |
| TV Land | Andy G. | Raymond | Raymond | Raymond | Raymond | King | King |
| USA | Law & Order: SVU | ★★★ Captain America: Civil War ('16) Chris Evans, Robert Downey Jr. Captain America clashes with Iron Man. CC (DVS) | | | | | |
| VH1 | Superbad | ★★★ Men in Black ('97) CC | | | | ★★ Men in Black II | |
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# Hearing aid use can reduce risk of cognitive decline

**DEAR DOCTOR:** Our grandfather won't use his hearing aid because he doesn't like how it makes things sound. However, I recently read that using a hearing aid reduces the risk of dementia. How can we get him to use one?

**DEAR READER:** Your grandfather isn't alone in his reluctance to use a hearing aid. Many people with hearing loss wait as long as 10 years before finally agreeing to seek help. Meanwhile, poor hearing hinders their ability to communicate and interact with family, friends and the world at large. This leads to isolation and depression, and as a growing body of research shows, also increases the risk of cognitive decline.

**Elizabeth Ko & Eve Glazier**
Ask the Doctors

A study published in the Journal of the American Geriatrics Society last fall found that when older adults with hearing loss used a hearing aid within three years of their diagnosis, they had measurably better outcomes in several important health categories than those who didn't correct their hearing. Those who used a hearing aid had lower rates of dementia and depression, as well as fewer injuries due to falls.

The researchers examined eight years of insurance data for almost 115,000 women and men over age 66 who were diagnosed with hearing loss. They found that the risk of a dementia diagnosis, including Alzheimer's disease, was 18 percent lower among the hearing aid users. The risk of becoming injured in a fall dropped 11 percent, and the risk of depression was also 11 percent lower. Their findings are consistent with previous research that established a clear connection between even mild uncorrected hearing loss and an increased risk of dementia and depression.

The next step in the research is to pinpoint how and why uncorrected hearing loss is tied to dementia and cognitive decline. One theory is that hearing loss leads to structural changes in the brain, which in turn affect memory. Another ties it to the profound social isolation that hearing loss can cause.

Meanwhile, your efforts to persuade your grandfather to use a hearing aid aren't unusual. The insurance data used in the study revealed that, among those diagnosed with hearing loss, an average of only 12 percent went on to get hearing aids.

We think it's encouraging that your grandfather already owns a device. He has shown himself to be open to improving his hearing and may just need a bit of help to get on the right track. Try talking to him about what, specifically, he doesn't like about his current hearing aid. Then if you have the time, do some research about the current technology and offer to help find a replacement.

Shopping for a hearing aid can be confusing and, with hearing loss, daunting. There are several types, with different fits and placements. Be sure your grandfather is using a reputable audiologist who can help him to find the perfect device. It's possible that with ongoing support, your grandfather may be willing to give hearing aids another try.

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# Husband discovers his long-ago sperm donation produced a child. Wife struggles with her role.

**HELLO, CAROLYN:** I am happily married, with three wonderful grown daughters. A few weeks ago, my husband was contacted by "Nick," who claims he is my husband's biological child from a sperm donation. Nick had done a DNA search. My husband told me about the sperm donation when we first met, but of course it was confidential, and he never knew if there was a successful fertilization.

**Carolyn Hax**

I'm struggling with this stranger coming into our lives so abruptly. My husband has met Nick, who relays a very happy childhood, successful career and happy family. My husband seems to think he has found a long-lost son, and I can tell he wants to grow a relationship with this biological child.

I'm not sure why I am struggling so much. I have no connection whatsoever and feel the meeting should be one-and-done. My daughters are curious but have not verbalized wanting to meet Nick.

If Nick and my husband choose to develop a relationship, what is my role? How do I not feel this situation to be an imposition on my family and life? I have no one to talk to who would understand how I feel. – T.

**DEAR T:** Please find someone who would – either a therapist or a fellow DNA refugee, through the many support groups these DNA breakthroughs have spawned.

You can read about them here (https://bit.ly/DNAgroups1) and here (https://bit.ly/DNAgroups2). If you'd like an inkling of how Nick might feel, or a primer in case more "successful fertilizations" arrive on your doorstep, since you're overdue to expect that, then check out this story of 32 half-siblings here (https://bit.ly/DNAgroups3). Sitting down.

I can think of some reasons you'd struggle. We all get new people in our lives, even abruptly, but they're typically neighbors or colleagues or classmates, as in, arm's length unless and until we invite them in. This is a child (note that I dropped the "biological"; I suggest you do the same), where arm's length feels wrong but anything closer feels premature. It's emotional dissonance.

It's OK, by the way, to defy expectations of instant family and proceed at your own pace.

There could be a gender element as well. Are you afraid this new long-lost *son* will occupy a place in your husband's heart your daughters never did? A reach, but not irrational.

It could also just be that you've been chugging along contentedly and this is a significant disruption to your routine. Good reasons to be out of sorts don't have to be flashy or complicated.

That concludes the validation portion of our program.

Now, the humanity portion: This is a *person*, born of a person you love, making himself vulnerable.

I'll admit: I've advised therapy or support-grouping not just so you'll feel better, but also hoping you'll find your way to a "role" of a welcoming presence and open mind. If your husband ultimately doesn't form a relationship with Nick, then so be it; if he wants one, though, then I struggle to think of a way you can feel good about telling your husband he's on his own and his kid isn't welcome here.

Or, kids. *Apres Nick, le deluge.*

Acceptance might come without intervention, too. Often it's enough just to let time soften new developments – and in the meantime, let yourself feel messy things.

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## CROSSWORD

**ACROSS**
1 Fittingly
5 Quick turn
8 Crafty
11 Saturate
13 Cl- or Ca++
14 Want-ad abbr.
15 False faces
16 Having subtle differences
18 Oil cartel
20 Alaskan town
21 Art category
23 Seashell seller?
24 Strut along
25 Big oil supplier
27 Price paid
31 Wish undone
32 Domino
33 Is, in Madrid
34 Keats' works
36 Holland export
38 Courteney — of "Friends"
39 Take a bath
40 Quaff with sushi
41 Christina's pop
42 Nonsense!
44 Contest mail-in
46 Goddess of beauty
49 Singer — Adams
50 Polished
52 To any degree (2 wds.)
56 That, to Jaime
57 RVers' stopover
58 Sound reasoning
59 Golfer's benchmark
60 CPA's sum
61 Shortfall

**DOWN**
1 Cloudy
2 Ms. Thurman
3 UPS units
4 Neighbor of Alaska
5 Trace mineral
6 Item in a poker pot
7 Grind, as teeth
8 Denomination
9 Onion's kin
10 The Force was with him
12 — de corps
17 Dorothy, to Em
19 Weirdest
21 Red-coated cheese
22 Three-sided swords
23 Smuggled
24 Facial feature
26 Mr. Alan — Film award
28 Legend
29 Cab
30 Monsieur's gesture
35 Servile
37 Honshu port
43 Wyoming range
45 D.C. biggie
46 Famous lioness
47 Not far away
48 State, in Paris
49 Name, to Pierre
51 Grow older
53 Tell tales
54 Watch readout, briefly
55

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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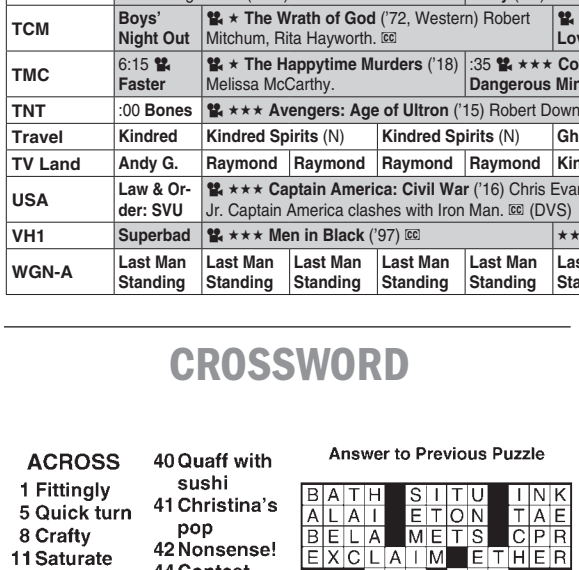

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## JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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WKONN

LBOWBE

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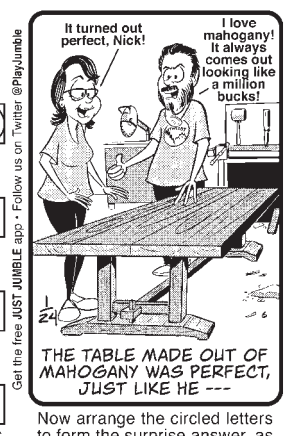
It turned out perfect, Nick!
I love mahogany! It always comes out looking like a million bucks!
THE TABLE MADE OUT OF MAHOGANY WAS PERFECT, JUST LIKE HE ---

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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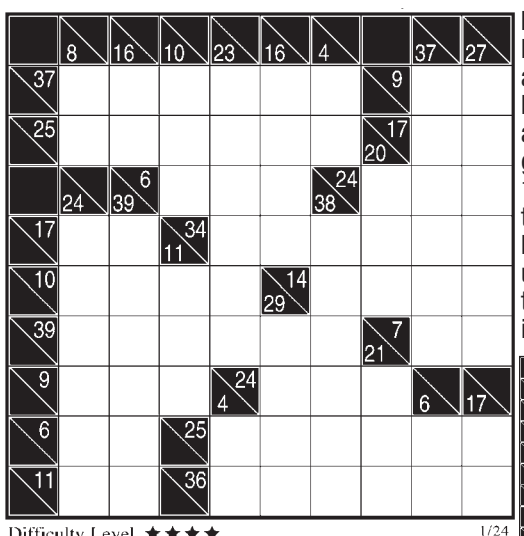
" " (Answers tomorrow)

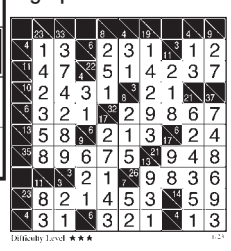
Yesterday's Jumbles: FLOOR SHAKY UNTOLD MISFIT
Answer: After seeing how well his hair transplant turned out, his wife said — HATS OFF TO YOU

## KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★★★★ 1/24

**How to play:** Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



## BRIDGE

Vince Lombardi said, "If you can shrug off a loss, you can't be a winner."

That does not apply to bridge. If you can shrug off a loser, you will probably become a winner. Knowing how to avoid losers is one of the cornerstones of declarer play.

In today's deal, for example, South is in four spades. West leads a low club. East wins with the 10 and tries to cash the club ace. How should South continue after ruffing?

North did well to rebid three spades. It was tempting to select three no-trump, and that luckily would have worked here. But the risk that the opponents could take five club tricks was real. Also, if South were, say, 5=4=2=2, he would have continued with three no-trump.

When this deal was played in a teams match, one declarer immediately saw 10 tricks via six spades, three hearts and one diamond. He drew two rounds of trumps, but West's club discard brought play to a halt. Declarer tried to find a way home, but he was destined to be a loser.

The second South didn't want to rely on a 3-2 spade break. He knew that a 4-1 split occurs almost one time in three. If he had a trump loser, he saw one potential loser in each suit. Was there a way to eliminate one of the side-suit losers?

Yes, a heart could be ruffed on the board. But note that if declarer had immediately played three rounds of hearts, West would have ruffed with his spade eight. Knowing that he needed only one trump to ruff one loser, South cashed the spade ace, then played on hearts. We have a winner!

North 01-24-20
♠ 7 2
♥ A 3
♦ J 9 7 6 3 2
♣ Q 5 4

West
♠ 8
♥ 9 5
♦ K 10 8 4
♣ K 8 7 6 3 2

East
♠ J 10 9 4
♥ J 10 8 6 2
♦ Q
♣ A J 10

South
♠ A K Q 6 5 3
♥ K Q 7 4
♦ A 5
♣ 9

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

| South | West | North | East |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1♠ | Pass | 1NT | Pass |
| 3♥ | Pass | 3♠ | Pass |
| 4♠ | Pass | Pass | Pass |

Opening lead: ♣ 6

## SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★☆

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| | | | | | | | 9 | |
| 5 | 1 | | | | | 8 | 3 | 4 |

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**How to play:** Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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| 1 | 9 | 3 | 5 | 8 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 7 |
| 8 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 9 |
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| 3 | 2 | 8 | 7 | 1 | 5 | 9 | 6 | 4 |
| 4 | 1 | 6 | 9 | 3 | 8 | 7 | 5 | 2 |
| 9 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 3 | 1 |

Chinatopix via AP

A worker hoses down garbage bins Thursday outside the closed Hankou Railway Station in Wuhan in central China's Hubei Province. Overnight, Wuhan authorities announced that the airport and train stations would be closed, and all public transportation suspended by 10 a.m. Friday. Unless they had a special reason, the government said, residents should not leave Wuhan, the sprawling central Chinese city of 11 million that's the epicenter of an epidemic that has infected nearly 600 people.

# China confirms first death outside outbreak's epicenter

**By KEN MORITSUGU and YANAN WANG**
Associated Press

BEIJING — China moved to lock down at least three cities with a combined population of more than 18 million in an unprecedented effort to contain the deadly new virus that has sickened hundreds of people and spread to other parts of the world during the busy Lunar New Year holiday.

The open-ended lockdowns are unmatched in size, embracing more people than New York City, Los Angeles and Chicago put together.

The train station and airport in Wuhan, the epicenter of the outbreak, were shut down, and ferry, subway and bus service was halted. Normally bustling streets, shopping malls, restaurants and other public spaces in the city of 11 million were eerily quiet. Police checked all incoming vehicles but did not close off the roads.

Similar measures were being imposed Friday in the nearby cities of Huanggang and Ezhou. In Huanggang, theaters, internet cafes and other entertainment centers were also ordered closed.

In the capital, Beijing, major events were canceled indefinitely, including traditional temple fairs that are a staple of holiday celebrations, to stop the spread of the virus. The Forbidden City, the palace complex in Beijing that is now a museum, announced it will close indefinitely on Saturday.

China's National Health Commission said Friday morning the confirmed cases of the new coronavirus had risen to 830 with 25 deaths. The first death was also confirmed outside the central province of Hubei, where the capital, Wuhan, has been the epicenter of the outbreak. The health commission in Hebei, a northern province bordering Beijing, said an 80-year-old man died after returning from a two-month stay in Wuhan to see relatives.

The vast majority of cases have been in and around Wuhan or people with connections the city. Other cases have been confirmed in the United States, Japan, Taiwan, South Korea and Thailand. Singapore and Vietnam reported their first cases Thursday, and cases have also been confirmed in the Chinese territories of Hong Kong and Macao.

Many countries are screening travelers from China for symptoms of the virus, which can cause fever, coughing, breathing difficulties and pneumonia.

The World Health Organization has decided against declaring the outbreak a global emergency, a step that can bring more money and resources to fight a threat but that can also cause trade and travel restrictions and other economic damage, making the decision a politically fraught one.

The decision "should not be taken as a sign that WHO does not think the situation is serious or that we're not taking it seriously. Nothing could be further from the truth," WHO Director General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said. "WHO is following this outbreak every minute of every day."

Chinese officials have not said how long the shutdowns of the cities will last. While sweeping measures are typical of China's Communist Party-led government, large-scale quarantines are rare around the world, even in deadly epidemics, because of concerns about infringing on people's liberties. And the effectiveness of such measures is unclear.

"To my knowledge, trying to contain a city of 11 million people is new to science," said Gauden Galea, the WHO"s representative in China. "It has not been tried before as a public health measure. We cannot at this stage say it will or it will not work."

# Rollback could leave waterways vulnerable

**By ELLEN KNICKMEYER**
Associated Press

Chris O'Meara / AP

An egret looks for food along Valhalla Pond in Riverview, Fla.

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration on Thursday ended federal protection for many of the nation's millions of miles of streams, arroyos and wetlands, a sweeping environmental rollback that could leave the waterways more vulnerable to pollution from development, industry and farms.

The policy change, signed by heads of the Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, narrows the types of waterways that qualify for federal protection under the half-century-old Clean Water Act.

Since his first weeks in office, President Donald Trump has targeted environmental and public health regulations that he says imposed unnecessary burdens on business. Speaking to farmers in Texas on Sunday, Trump repeated his frequent charge that an Obama-era attempt in 2015 to more clearly define what water bodies qualify for federal pollution protection was "one of the most ridiculous regulations of all."

Thursday's changes to the clean water rule have long been sought by builders, oil and gas developers, farmers and others. But environmental groups and public-health advocates say the rollback will allow businesses to dump pollutants into newly federally unprotected waterways and fill in some wetlands, threatening public water supplies downstream and harming wildlife and habitat.

EPA head Andrew Wheeler told reporters Thursday that states were still free to step in with state protections of newly vulnerable waterways if they chose.

"Our rule protects the environment and our waterways while respecting the rights of states and property owners," Wheeler said. The rollback of the clean-water enforcement "strikes the proper balance between Washington, D.C. and the states," he said.

Brett Hartl, a government affairs director with the Center for Biological Diversity conservation advocacy group, called the changes "a sickening gift to polluters."

The administration's action "will allow wetlands, streams and rivers across a vast stretch of America to be obliterated with pollution," Hartl said, contending the rollback would speed extinction for dozens of endangered species. "People and wildlife need clean water to thrive. Destroying half of our nation's streams and wetlands will be one of Trump's ugliest legacies."

The Trump rule narrows the Obama administration's 2015 definition of what's a protected body of water and effectively removes safeguards for some waterways that had been put into place with the 1972 Clean Water Act.

The administration says the changes would allow farmers to plow their fields without fear of unintentionally straying over the banks of a federally protected dry creek, bog or ditch. But the government's own figures show it is real estate developers and those in other nonfarm business sectors that take out the most permits for impinging on wetlands and waterways, and stand to reap the biggest regulatory and financial relief.

# 'Doomsday Clock' creeps closer to midnight than it ever has in history

**By ANGIE LEVENTIS LOURGOS**
Chicago Tribune (TNS)

CHICAGO — Calling world affairs "profoundly unstable," scientists on Thursday moved the fateful minute hand of the Doomsday Clock another 20 seconds closer to midnight, signifying that humanity is more perilously near global catastrophe than any other time in recent history.

The metaphorical clock is now set to 100 seconds to midnight, the closest it has come to hitting the final hour – a symbol of world annihilation – since its inception by the University of Chicago-based Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists in 1947.

At a news conference in Washington, D.C., on Thursday, scientists cited U.S. withdrawal from the 2015 Paris climate agreement and the Iran nuclear deal, as well as deadlock in disarmament talks, as some of their reasons for the dire forecast. The recent rise in tensions between the United States and Iran helped confirm their decision, they said.

"We are now expressing how close the world is to catastrophe in seconds – not hours, or even minutes," said Rachel Bronson of the University of Chicago, who serves as president and CEO of the Bulletin. "It is the closest to doomsday we have ever been in the history of the Doomsday Clock. We now face a true emergency – an absolutely unacceptable state of world affairs that has eliminated any margin for error or further delay."

The foreboding timepiece was designed by Bulletin scientists as a harbinger of the state of international affairs, with the minute hand shifting toward or away from "doomsday" based on man-made threats to safety and security.

For the first few decades, the time was based solely on nuclear threats, but in recent years climate change and technological threats weighed heavily in the decision. The latest reset of 20 seconds was the smallest incremental time change in the clock's history; other time changes have been in increments of 30 seconds or more.

Even at the height of the Cold War between the Soviet Union and the United States, the minute hand was set at two minutes to midnight; the clock has never come this close to approaching the end.

The Bulletin was established in 1945 by University of Chicago scientists who were part of the Manhattan Project, which produced the atomic bombs the United States used against Japan, weaponry that would later ignite the Cold War with the Soviet Union.

"It's very much a Chicago story," Robert Rosner, University of Chicago professor and chair of the science and security board of the Bulletin, said in a telephone interview. "It's one of the earliest examples of when scientists have come to terms with what they created. I would say the Bulletin was the very first organized attempt to come to terms with the consequences of scientific invention."

While the visual image of a clock might be simple, Rosner said the experts determining each shift of the minute hand take the decision very seriously, critically evaluating the state of international events, climate threats and how technology impacts safety and security. The Bulletin's science and security board – which includes scientists and other experts on climate change, military affairs and technology – meets twice a year to discuss international events, and resets the minute hand accordingly.

The iconic clock is kept at the Bulletin's headquarters at the University of Chicago.

"Most people don't have the time to think through the consequences of actions taken by governments," Rosner said. "This is a synthesis, a look at the big picture: Are we safe? Are we safer than before? Or not?"

He added that these experts are nonpartisan and the choice to move the hand of the clock is never politically motivated.

The minute hand has been reset about two dozen times since the clock's inception, marking moments of calamity as well as indicators of peace and prosperity: In 1991 following the Cold War's end, the minute hand was rewound to 17 minutes, the furthest it's ever been from the fatal hour.

The last time change was in 2018, when the minute hand crept 30 seconds toward midnight, resting just two minutes shy of the end of the world.

Tick tock.

### Some key moments in Doomsday Clock history

**1947:** Seven minutes to midnight – The Doomsday Clock is created. Chicago-area artist Martyl Langsdorf, who married a nuclear physicist who worked on the Manhattan Project, designed the original image for the first cover of the Bulletin.

**1949:** Three minutes to midnight – The Soviet Union successfully tests its atomic bomb.

**1953:** Two minutes to midnight – the United States and the Soviet Union test their first thermonuclear weapons. "The hands of the clock of doom move again," wrote Bulletin editor Eugene Rabinowitch, a University of Illinois professor. "Only a few more swings of the pendulum, and, from Moscow to Chicago, atomic explosions will strike midnight for Western Civilization."

**1998:** Nine minutes to midnight – India and Pakistan stage nuclear weapons tests three weeks apart. The United States and Russia "maintain 7,000 warheads ready to fire at each other within 15 minutes."

**2007:** Five minutes to midnight – For the first time, climate change is taken into account; previous decisions were based solely on nuclear threats.

**2015:** Three minutes to midnight – The scientists urge actions to cap greenhouse gas emissions, nuclear disarmament, as well as safe and secure nuclear waste storage.

**2018:** Two minutes to midnight – U.S. and Russia continue military exercises along NATO borders, tensions rise over the South China Sea and nuclear weapons arsenals stockpile in Pakistan and India. Misuse of information technology and "vulnerability of democracies to disinformation" are also taken into account.

*Source: The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*

## IN BRIEF

### Michelle Carter, of texting suicide case, freed from jail

BOSTON (AP) — Michelle Carter, the woman convicted of manslaughter for urging her suicidal boyfriend to kill himself in text messages that included, "Just do it, babe," was released from jail Thursday after more than three months was shaved from her sentence for good behavior.

Carter, 23, walked out of the Bristol County jail in Dartmouth, Massachusetts, wearing the same white blazer, dark slacks and a dark turtleneck she wore last February, when a judge ordered her to begin serving a 15-month sentence.

The Plainville native didn't speak as two jail staffers escorted her to an SUV where her lawyer and parents were waiting for her.

State officials say Carter's probation ends Aug. 1, 2022. She also can't have any contact with her late boyfriend Conrad Roy III's family and can't profit from her story during that time.

### Deputy uses stun gun to settle a beef between K9 and cow

GEORGETOWN, S.C. (AP) — A sheriff's deputy responding to a burglary call in South Carolina was forced to settle a beef between his K9 and a spooked cow by using a stun gun.

Georgetown County sheriff's deputies were dispatched to the Pleasant Hill community on Wednesday when a K9 that was brought to the scene reportedly became "distracted" and bit a cow belonging to the property owners, a statement from the agency said. The officer was forced to stun the dog to prevent the cow from being seriously injured, the office said.

Reacting to the bite, the cow charged at the deputy and property owner, hitting them and causing minor injuries. After taking stock of the situation, the deputy placed the dog in his cruiser. None of the people or animals involved appeared to be seriously hurt, The Greenville News reported.

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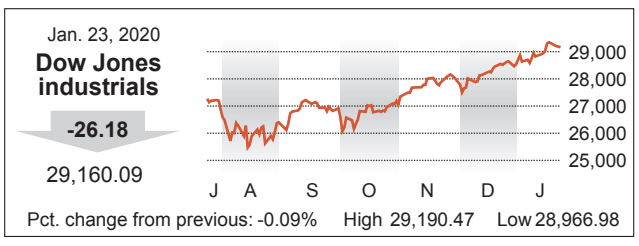


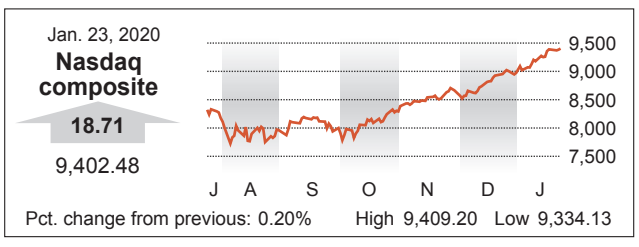


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## PRODUCE PRICES

*The following fruit prices were recorded on the Chicago Terminal Market on Wednesday. Prices are not net to the growers as freight and selling fees have not been deducted. These prices were provided by the USDA Market News Branch office in Chicago.*

**APPLES:** Cartons tray pack of Washington Extra Fancy 72s Red Delicious sold slightly lower from $24-26, Golden Delicious sold for $36, Fuji sold for mostly $32-33, Pink Lady brought $38-40, Gala sold for mostly $31-32, and 56 size Honeycrisp of fine appearance sold for $52 while 64 size brought $30. Cartons of 12 3-pound film bags of Washington WA Extra Fancy 2 1/2-inch minimum Red Delicious sold for $22, while Golden Delicious brought $23, Gala sold for $23-24, while bushel cartons loose of Michigan 3 inch minimum Golden Delicious, Gala and Jonagold brought $20.

**ASPARAGUS:** Pyramid cartons/crates 11-pound bunched standard size from Peru sold lower from mostly $30-32, while large white bunched sold higher from $30-31.

**BEANS:** Bushel cartons/crates of round green type machine-picked offerings from Florida sold lower from $18-20, with hand-picked offerings $20-22.

**BERRIES:** Flats of 12 6-ounce cups with lids of medium-large berries of fine appearance from Mexico sold from $18-18.50, while offerings from Peru sold from $9-10. Strawberries in flats of eight 1-pound containers medium size from California of fine appearance sold higher from $28-30, with offerings from Florida sold from $24-27.

**BROCCOLI:** Cartons of 14 bunches from California sold slightly higher for $34, with organic offerings higher for $50.50-52.

**CABBAGE:** 50-pound cartons of round green medium from Texas sold lower for $14-15, while red offerings sold lower for mostly $20-21.

**CAULIFLOWER:** Cartons of 12 film wrapped heads from California sold higher for mostly $28-30, with organic offerings higher for $34.50-36.

**CORN:** Wirebound crates of four dozen bi-color from Florida sold lower from mostly $21-23.

**CUCUMBERS:** 1-1/9-bushel cartons from Mexico of medium size sold higher for $42.50, with large $38-40, and carton 24s sold higher from mostly $18-20. Pickles of 200-300 size from Mexico sold lower for $32.50.

**EGGPLANT:** 1-1/9-bushel cartons of 24-count eggs from Mexico sold from $16-18, with fine appearance offerings $26.

**LETTUCE:** Cartons film wrapped 24 heads of iceberg lettuce from California sold lower from $26-28, while organic offerings brought $34.50-36.

**ORANGES:** Cartons of 10 4-pound film bags of Florida 80 size hamlin juice oranges sold for $23.50.

**PEPPERS:** 1-1/9-bushel cartons of Florida green jumbos sold much lower for $22 and extra-large $18, and large brought $16. Medium size jalapeno peppers from Mexico sold for $21, serranos brought $22, while extra-large poblano sold from $20-22 and medium Hungarian wax sold for mostly $19-20.

**SQUASH:** 4/7-bushel cartons of small-medium zucchini from Mexico sold higher for $35-36 with medium size mostly $31-32, and yellow straight-neck small-medium sold higher for $39. 1 1/9-bushel cartons from Michigan of medium size acorn sold for $20 with butternut $24.

**TOMATOES:** 25-pound cartons loose mature greens 5x6s from Florida sold slightly higher from $44-46, while cartons 2-layer from Mexico of 4x5 size brought $40. Flats 12 1-pint containers with lids of light red-red medium size grape tomatoes from Mexico sold from $18-19 and cartons of 12 1-pint baskets of cherry type red sold from $16-18, while Florida offerings brought $20-22. Plum tomatoes packed in 25-pound cartons loose of extra-large size from Mexico sold lower from $24-26, with large size mostly $19-21.

# Ex-pharmaceutical executive sentenced for pushing opioid

**By COLLIN BINKLEY**
Associated Press

AP Photo / Charles Krupa

**Insys Therapeutics founder John Kapoor, front, departs federal court on Thursday in Boston, after he was sentenced to prison for orchestrating a bribery and kickback scheme prosecutors said helped fuel the opioid crisis.**

BOSTON — The founder of an Arizona pharmaceutical company was ordered to spend 5 ½ years in prison Thursday for orchestrating a bribery and kickback scheme prosecutors said helped fuel the opioid crisis.

John Kapoor, 76, the former chairman of Insys Therapeutics, was sentenced in Boston's federal court after a jury found him guilty of racketeering conspiracy last May. The 10-week trial revealed sensational details about the company's marketing tactics, including testimony that a sales executive once gave a lap dance to a doctor the company was wooing.

Kapoor was also ordered to pay a $250,000 fine, the maximum under sentencing guidelines.

He and others were accused of paying millions of dollars in bribes to doctors across the United States to prescribe the company's highly addictive oral fentanyl spray, known as Subsys. The bribes were paid in the form of fees for sham speaking engagements that were billed as educational opportunities for other doctors.

The company was also accused of misleading insurers to get payment approved for the drug, which is meant to treat cancer patients in severe pain and can cost as much as $19,000 a month.

Along with Kapoor, four others from Insys also were convicted last year and two pleaded guilty. All of them have been dealt prison sentences, ranging from a year and a day to nearly three years.

Prosecutors were requesting 15 years in prison for Kapoor, calling him the linchpin of the operation.

"This was in every way a top-down conspiracy that John Kapoor ran," Assistant U.S. Attorney Nathaniel Yeager said at the hearing. "He was already a billionaire when this started, and this made him even richer."

Kapoor's lawyers countered that the scheme was organized by other executives and that Kapoor was never aware of any wrongdoing that could harm patients. They called him an "immigrant success story," noting that the India-born Kapoor developed Subsys after seeing his wife suffer and die from breast cancer.

During the hearing Thursday, several patients addressed the court and described their suffering after being prescribed high doses of Subsys by doctors who were paid by Insys.

Some said the drug caused their teeth to fall out and left them with memory loss. Some said they became addicted to the drug for years. One woman, Deborah Fuller, said her family has been in "constant agonizing grief" since her daughter, Sarah Fuller, died of an overdose at age 32.

Kapoor silently watched them speak and, when he was allowed to address the court, opened with an apology.

"I'm heartbroken by the words of the patients who spoke here today and those who spoke at the trial," he said. "I sincerely apologize to them and their families."

Still, Kapoor asked the judge to consider his other work developing treatments for AIDS patients and those with heart problems. He requested leniency because of his age, noting that, at 76, his time is "limited."

U.S. District Judge Allison D. Burroughs said she took Kapoor's age into account but also recognized the harm caused by his company. Ultimately, she said, it was never clear exactly what role each executive played in the scheme, so she treated Kapoor and two of his executives as "co-equals at the top of this triangle."

The two others she referenced were dealt lighter sentenced because they pleaded guilty and cooperated with authorities. Former Insys CEO Michael Babich was sentenced to 2 ½ years in prison on Wednesday, while Alec Burlakoff, the former vice president of sales, was sentenced Thursday to more than 2 years.

After the hearing, U.S. Attorney Andrew Lelling told reporters he objected to the sentences in the case, which were far lower than what prosecutors sought.

"My view is that the public interest demanded higher sentences for these defendants," Lelling said. "These guys basically took a publicly traded pharma company and turned it into an engine for corrupting doctors and jeopardizing the health of men and women nationwide."

Prosecutors also asked the judge to detain Kapoor until he reports to prison on March 5, saying he posed a flight risk because of his wealth and his overseas connections. Burroughs denied the request, saying he has "behaved like a gentleman" through the case.

During last year's trial, jurors heard from former employees who said Insys made a habit of hiring attractive women as representatives to boost sales of the drug. One former employee testified that a regional sales manager once gave a lap dance at a Chicago nightclub to a doctor whom Insys was pushing to write more prescriptions.

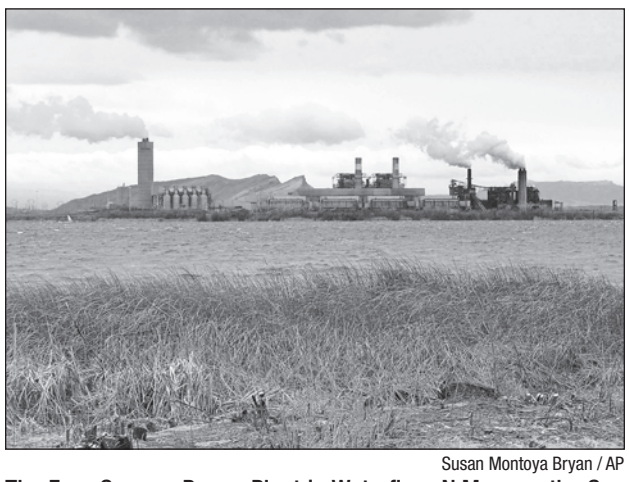
Jurors were also shown a rap video in which Insys employees danced and rapped around a person dressed as a giant bottle of the fentanyl spray. Prosecutors said the video was shown at a national sales meeting in 2015 and was intended to motivate reps to push Subsys to doctors.

The case was considered the first that sought to hold an opioid maker criminally liable for the drug crisis, which has claimed nearly 400,000 lives over the last two decades. At least two others have since faced criminal charges, but prominent companies including Purdue Pharma, the maker of OxyContin, have only faced suits that carry no threat of prison time.

Insys last year reached a $225 million settlement with the U.S. Department of Justice to end its criminal and civil probes, and the company has since filed for bankruptcy protection. It's not clear whether the company will fully pay what's owed.

# Coal industry on Navajo Nation could end with plant closure

**By FELICIA FONSECA**
Associated Press



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**The Four Corners Power Plant in Waterflow, N.M., near the San Juan River in northwestern New Mexico in 2006. The closure of the coal-fired power plant on the Navajo Nation sooner than expected will be a major blow to a region where coal has been a mainstay of the economy for decades.**

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. — The closure of a coal-fired power plant on the Navajo Nation sooner than expected will be a major blow to a region where coal has been a mainstay of the economy for decades.

The Arizona Public Service Co. now plans to shutter the Four Corners Power Plant near Farmington, New Mexico, in 2031 when its coal contract expires rather than wait until 2038.

The news came as New Mexico regulators consider plans for the 2022 closure of San Juan Generating Station, another coal-fired power plant just miles away off the Navajo reservation.

The moves have prompted regional officials to say they are even more focused on promoting tourism and recreation as economic alternatives and ensuring the area has reliable internet and other infrastructure to entice manufacturing, data centers and other businesses.

"There's a lot of transitioning happening," said Arvin Trujillo, chief executive of Four Corners Economic Development group. "We're looking at how do we take the challenges we have and begin to look at more positive aspects and how do we get the full region to begin to work together."

The Four Corners plant went online in the 1960s. Arizona Public Service Co. is the majority owner, with smaller shares held by Public Service Co. of New Mexico, the Salt River Project, Tucson Electric Power and the Navajo Nation.

Three of the units shut down in 2014, and the coming full closure likely means the coal mine that feeds the plant will shutter, too. The mine is owned by the Navajo Transitional Energy Co. – a business arm of the tribe. The company said Thursday its plans and financials have centered around the end of the coal contract in 2031, and it will work to diversify the tribe's energy sources.

The mine and power plant employ more than 700 mostly Navajo workers. The plant has an annual payroll of nearly $100 million, APS said. Another $100 million a year is paid in taxes, fees and coal royalties to tribal, local, state and federal entities, with an economic impact that APS estimates is more than double that amount.

APS spokeswoman Lily Quezada said the utility will work with employees and nearby communities on the transition.

"We will be open and transparent and will provide as long a lead time as possible to reduce the impact of job losses and lower tax revenue," she wrote in an email.

The other owners have no plans to run the power plant themselves and said they'll replace the coal-fired power with other sources.

Arizona requires utilities to get 15 percent of their energy from renewable sources by 2025. APS has a more aggressive plan, saying it will rely on the nation's largest nuclear power plant as it adds renewable power, battery storage and other sources of energy. It has vowed to have 45 percent renewable energy by 2030 and be carbon-free by 2050.

In New Mexico, investor-owned utilities must be carbon-free by 2045 under an energy transition law adopted last year. Implementation of the law is tangled up in a regulatory fight, but Public Service Co. of New Mexico already has pledged to divest itself of coal and natural gas by 2040.

The closure of the Four Corners Power Plant likely will mark the end of decades of coal mining on the vast Navajo Nation, which extends into Arizona, New Mexico and Utah. Two other power plants that relied on coal from the reservation closed in 2005 and last year.

Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez said the tribe isn't closing the door on fossil fuel but is heeding public desire for energy developed from wind and solar. The tribe has a couple of solar plants in Kayenta, Arizona, and is working with the Salt River Project on others.

"The Nation has an abundant amount of coal, and we don't know what types of new technology will be developed in the future that might allow for cleaner production of power," he said in a statement. "But we are moving forward with renewable energy as our top priority."

Trujillo, who worked as a coal mining engineer for more than a decade and later worked for APS, said some people are reluctant to move on from an industry that built the middle class Navajo Nation. He said his group also is working with area colleges to retrain the workforce.

"The biggest piece is that uncertainty," Trujillo said. "People don't know, and when they don't know, they start to get scared and they don't know how they're going to take care of their families."

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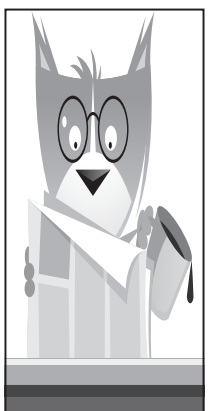

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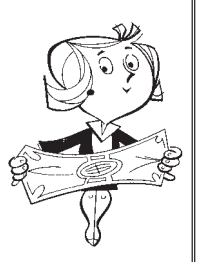

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**FRIDAY, JANUARY 24**

Clear the way and set a course for a brighter future. Make plans that will let you do what you enjoy most and turn it into a lifestyle that works for you. Love may throw you a curveball this year if you forget to nurture relationships. Multitasking will be required.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Charm will result in popularity. A loved one will surprise you. The help you offer others will be returned twofold. A strong will and common sense will lead to the right choice.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Gather all the facts. Bide your time or you will make a mistake. Uncertainty regarding someone's authenticity should make you take notice. Double-check the motives behind someone's words or actions.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Associate with people who have something to offer. Sharing with people who have similar interests will help you recognize what's important to you. Love is in the stars.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Don't let your personal life disrupt your productivity. Take a serious look at who is causing all the trouble and rectify the problem. You cannot move forward if you are carrying unnecessary baggage.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Don't get dragged down by someone's negativity when you have so much to be thankful for and enjoy. Follow your instincts and keep busy with events, activities or matters that stimulate your mind.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Base your reactions on what you know, not on what you assume. Find out the facts from a legitimate source. If you embrace change, things will work out. Romance is encouraged.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Stick to the people and situations that make you feel comfortable. An idea you have will turn into a good investment. Take action, be competitive and don't give up.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Change is heading your way. Embrace whatever comes down the pike. You'll be surprised how much better things turn out than expected. Romance and self-improvement are favored.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)Focus** on your talents and on how to put them to good use. You will advance for what you do, not for what you fail to do. Finish what you start.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Refrain from sharing your thoughts or plans. If you are quiet observer, you'll gather valuable information. Adjust your strategies to suit your needs instead of someone else's.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Refuse to let anyone take advantage of you. If you spread yourself too thin or go along with a change you don't like, you will end up doing things over.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Adapt, compromise and forge ahead with enthusiasm. What you accomplish will be recognized and praised. Spend time with someone important and celebrate life, love and happiness.

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